



2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR
CSD COVID-19 MITIGATION PLANS*

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR

MITIGATION STRATEGIES*
ALL LEVELS OF COMMUNITY SPREAD***

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VACCINATIONS

Staying up to date on routine vaccinations is essential to prevent illness from many different infections. For COVID-19, [staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations](#) is the leading public health strategy to prevent severe disease.



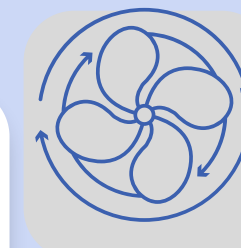
STAY HOME WHEN SICK

People with symptoms of infectious diseases, including [COVID-19](#), influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and gastrointestinal infections, should stay home and get tested for COVID-19. Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases.



CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

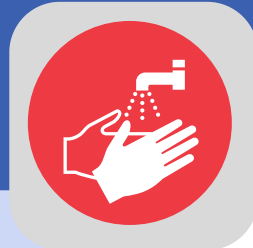
CSD will frequently clean surfaces to reduce the risk of germs spreading by touching surfaces.



VENTILATION SYSTEMS

CSD will optimize ventilation and improve indoor air quality to reduce the risk of germs and contaminants spreading through the air.

Outdoor lunch is not a mitigation strategy being used in CSD.



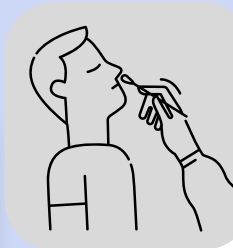
HAND HYGIENE / RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

[Washing hands](#) can prevent the spread of infectious diseases. CSD will teach and reinforce proper handwashing to lower the risk of spreading viruses. School staff will provide adequate hand washing supplies and opportunities for handwashing before and after lunch. Additional hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol will be placed throughout each building. CSD will also teach and [reinforce respiratory etiquette](#).



ISOLATION

CSD will follow [isolation](#) guidelines as outlined by the CDC.



DIAGNOSTIC TESTING / POINT OF CARE TESTING

Diagnostic Testing is intended to identify current infection in individuals and should be performed on anyone that has signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and/or following recent known or suspected exposure.



NOTIFICATION EXPOSURE AND REPORTING

Schools will send communication to parents/guardians and staff who were in a class with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 48 hours.

The CSD COVID report will only include self-reported cases.



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This document is a summary of the strategies in place this year based on the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control, Georgia Department of Education, and Dekalb Health Department to help keep our staff and students as safe as possible while we provide a rich learning environment that promotes equitable and exceptional outcomes, even in the face of challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CITY SCHOOLS OF DECATUR HAS CONTINUED TO EVALUATE AND ADAPT OUR TEACHING, LEARNING, AND OPERATIONS TO ENSURE WE CAN WELCOME OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS BACK THIS YEAR TO A HEALTHY AND ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

MITIGATION STRATEGIES* AND COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVELS** <u>BASED ON CDC IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY LEVELS</u>			
	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
MASKING*** Wearing a well-fitting mask consistently and correctly reduces the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.	Anyone who chooses to wear a mask will be supported in their decision to do so.	Immunocompromised or at risk of getting very sick with COVID-19 should talk to their healthcare provider about the need to wear a mask and take other precautions.	Indoor masking is recommended for all staff, and students, and <u>required for visitors</u>

*CSD has based our local school mitigation plans on the [CDC Guidance](#) for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in schools.

**Additional Mitigation layers may be added during large gatherings. Attendees will be notified in advance if additional layers of mitigation will be used during such events.

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