



ESSER Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Revised March 22, 2023

Davie County Schools ESSER Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan, Through September 30, 2024

Introduction: Intent & Purpose Revised March 22, 2023

Davie County Schools' (DCS) Remote Instruction Guidelines from SY 20-21 have been used as a foundational document for its ESSER Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan, and within 30 days of receipt of the funds, DCS developed and make publicly available on the www.godavie.org website a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act required each public school unit (PSU) to develop and make publicly available a Safe Return to School Plan. North Carolina has now been fully back in school for two years, however since this is a federal requirement to receive ARP funding, the plan must remain publicly accessible through the duration of the grant (September 30, 2024).

*Within this document, the terms "face-to-face" and "in-person" may be used interchangeably.

The DCS ESSER Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan includes the following:

→ The plan details the steps taken to safely return to full face-to-face instruction from COVID;

→ Contains when the PSU returned to full face-to-face instruction; (DCS returned to full face-to-face [in-person] instruction on August 17, 2020, Plan B with all grades, except K-2nd, on A/B schedule). DCS returned to in-person instruction, 5 days per week for all grade levels on August 24, 2021, and has continued as of today's date.

→ Updated to include this school year (*how the PSU is currently operating and what safety/prevention of COVID measures are still in place*); For the school year 2022-2023, DCS is operating 5 days per week and in-person, using the most current guidance in regard to COVID safety, preparation for, response to, and mitigation of, and

→ Is posted on the district website. <https://www.godavie.org/safe-secure>

→ Applies to all sections within this document



MASKS + SOCIAL DISTANCING

IN SCHOOLS

According to recommendations in the NC Safe Schools Toolkit, all elementary and middle schools should wear a mask. In addition, when all students are wearing their masks consistently, they do not have to be excluded from school if they were exposed to a COVID-positive person. See the [StrongSchoolsNCToolkit](#) for more.

- Masks must be worn properly by all students and staff for the start of the school year. This is in place to reduce quarantines and keep students in school.
- Students will be spaced three feet apart to the greatest extent possible, but not when such distance would prevent all students from attending school in-person five days per week.
- Three foot markers will be placed in various locations to remind everyone to stay three feet apart to the greatest extent possible while indoors.
- DCS will continue to choose physical education activities that limit frequent and close contact between students.
- Activities will take place outdoors as much as possible.

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BUSES + TRANSPORTATION

- By Federal order, all individuals **MUST** wear masks on DCS or DCS contracted transportation.
- Masks should be worn for the entire bus ride since social distancing is no longer possible.
- Students will have assigned seats in order to aid in contact tracing, if necessary.
- Students no longer need an attestation form.



SCHOOL BUILDINGS + CLEANING

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- DCS will continue to provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors.
- If there has been a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, DCS will clean and disinfect the space using an EPA approved disinfectant for SARS-CoV2.
- Schools, classrooms and buses will be cleaned AND disinfected daily on frequently touched surfaces. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, seats, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- DCS will provide hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol) at every building entrance and exit, in the cafeteria, and in every classroom, for safe use by staff and older students.
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms. Self-service food and beverage distribution is discontinued in the cafeteria, as is mass gatherings that cannot support social distancing. Meals will be served directly to students and taken back to their classrooms to maintain contact with a consistent group of students
- Daily symptom screenings are not required.
- All individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick is essential to keeping infections out of schools.
- Individuals who display symptoms while at school will be removed, sent for potential COVID-19 screening, and may be sent home.
- Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 must also stay home until authorized to return.



QUARANTINE PROTOCOL

- Students and staff must quarantine for 14 days if exposed to someone who tests positive. The one exposed may return to school after 10 days, as long as they are not symptomatic.

Must quarantine

14
days



May return on the

11th
day

as long as the individual has no symptoms.

“Exposure” means being within six feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour period.

IF/THEN

- **IF** the individual who is exposed is vaccinated, **THEN** they do not have to quarantine unless they are symptomatic.
- **IF** a staff member or student says they are vaccinated, **THEN** a school nurse is able to verify vaccination status.
- **IF** one of two students test positive and both have been consistently masked, **THEN** the one exposed does not have to quarantine.
- **IF** a teacher or student tests positive and both have been consistently masked, **THEN** the student exposed does not have to quarantine, but the teacher is required to quarantine.
- **IF** one of two students tests positive and the one exposed has been vaccinated, **THEN** the one exposed does not have to quarantine.
- **IF** a teacher or student tests positive and the one exposed is vaccinated, **THEN** the one exposed does not have to quarantine.

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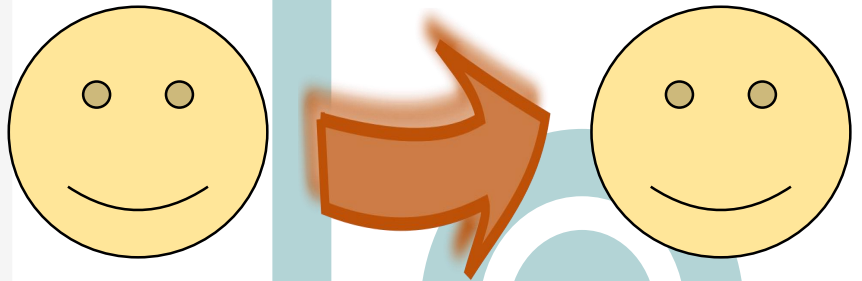
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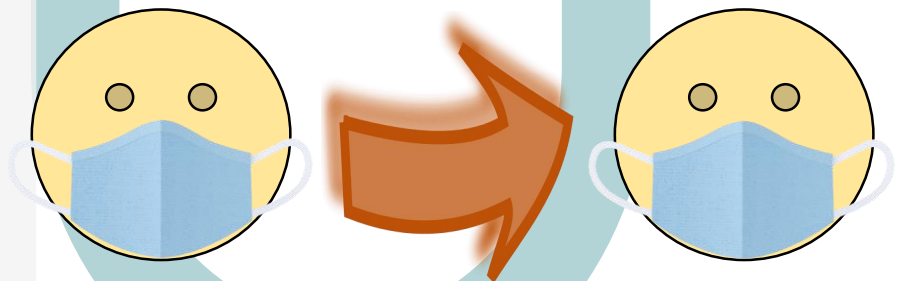
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If one tests positive, only the positive individual must quarantine.

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QUARANTINE EXAMPLES



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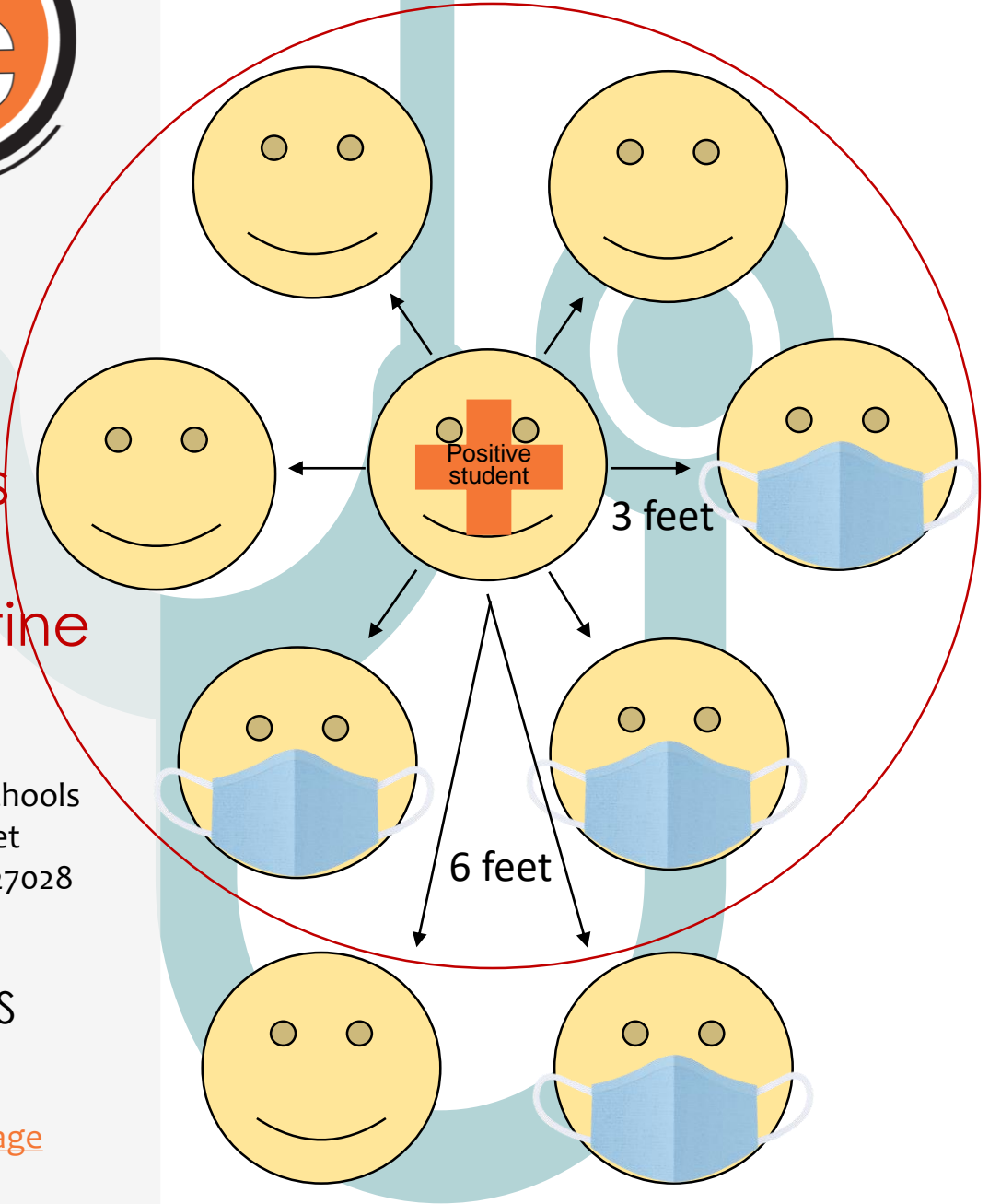
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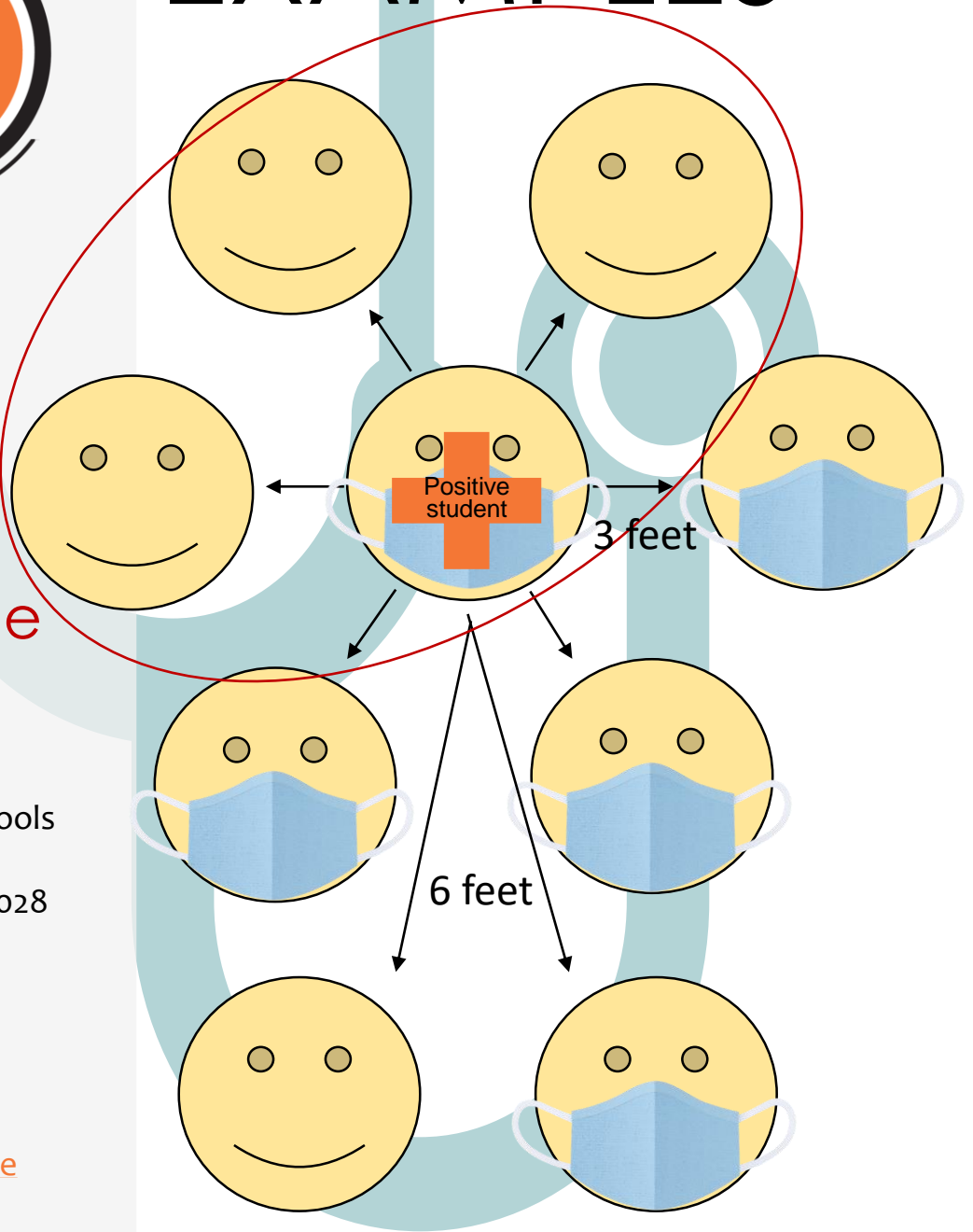


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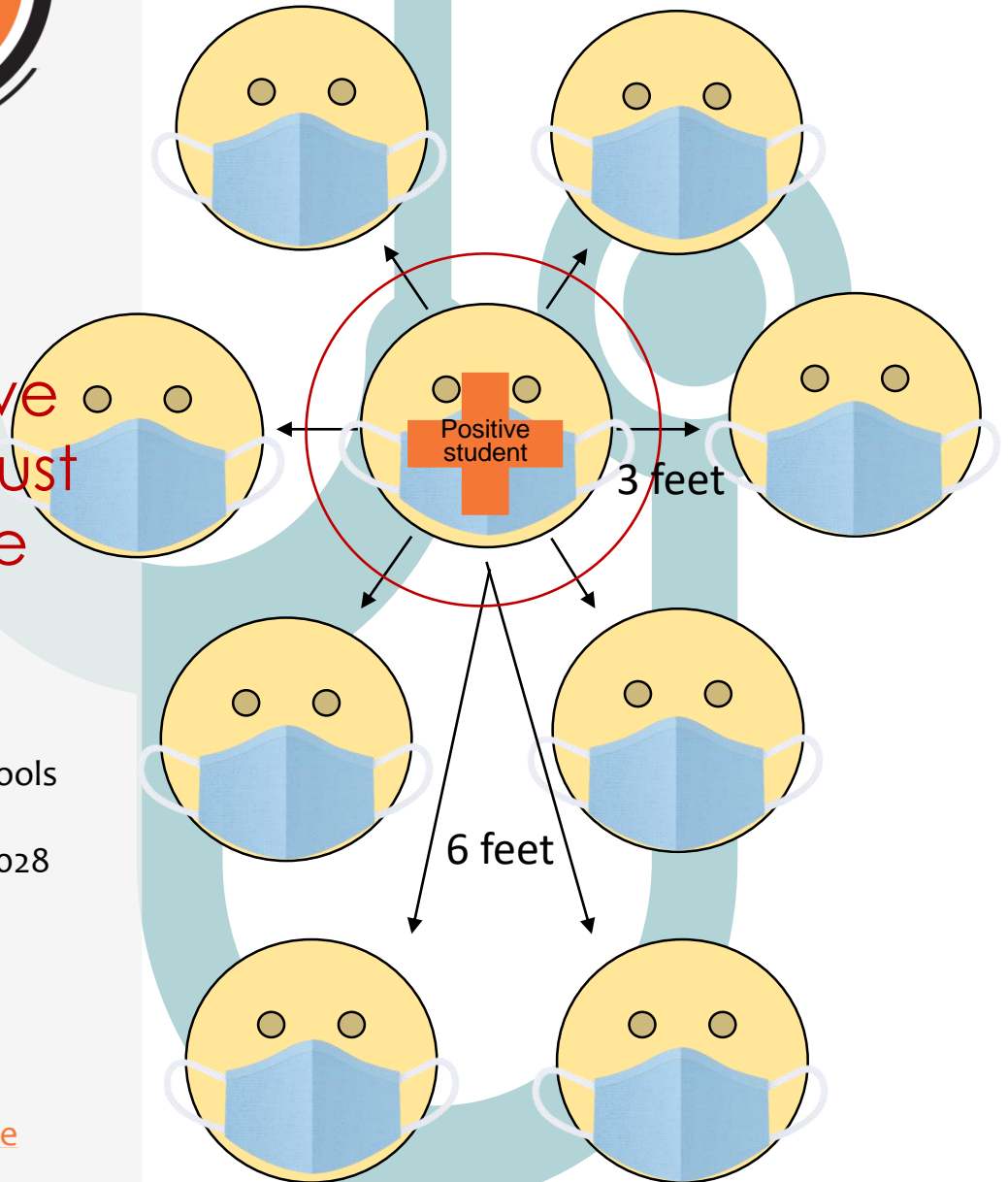
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VISITORS + ACTIVITIES

- Essential visitors (such as service providers and guest speakers) and volunteers are permitted in the buildings on a limited basis.
- Field trips and assemblies are permitted.
- Parents are permitted on campus, although we ask they do not enter classrooms due to the need to maximize physical space and avoid potential exposure.
- Kindergarten parents are allowed to walk their student in on the first day of school only.
- Lunch visitors will be restricted.
- Individually packaged, commercial treats may be brought to school for special occasions and celebrations.
- Activities and sports will begin while following the NCHSAA guidance and monitoring the status of individual schools.
- Locker Rooms will be open.
- Physical Education classes will resume dressing out.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Social + Emotional Support

Davie County Schools is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff. Our school counselors and social workers are here to help students and support them in their fears, anxieties and emotions. The well-being of students is so important to the overall happiness and success they will accomplish in their education. We encourage students to reach out to school counselors and Student Services staff to discuss concerns and ask questions. This includes, but is not limited to, COVID-19 related stressors and/or the racial concerns prevalent in our country. Together as a school district and a community, we can make a difference, and promote respect and love for everyone as we protect the health and safety of our students and staff. Counselor contact information is listed by school on our district or school websites. There is also a state supported hotline called **Hope4NC Helpline at 1-855-587-3463**.

We encourage students to:

- Talk to people they trust about their concerns and how they are feeling.
- Eat healthy, exercise, get sleep and find time to unwind.
- Take routine breaks from television and social media. The CDC has resources to help children reduce their stress during this time. That information can be found on the CDC website.

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