Terms	Definitions
Close Contact	within six (6) feet for more than 15 minutes cumulatively in a 24-hour period of someone who has tested positive for or been diagnosed with COVID
Quarantine	exclusion from others to monitor for the development of symptoms
Isolation	individuals who are COVID positive must be excluded from school for 10 days
Vaccinated	at least two (2) weeks after receiving the second dose in a 2-dose series or after one dose in a single dose series
Symptoms	fever (100.4 or higher), sore throat, cough (change in baseline or unexplained), difficulty breathing (change in baseline), new loss of taste/smell, diarrhea or vomiting, new severe headache

Questions	Answers
What do I do if my child is sick?	If your child is experiencing any of the symptoms outlined above, keep him/her at home and contact the school to report the symptoms. If your child has any of these symptoms, it is strongly recommended that they have a COVID test. If a child is symptomatic and receives a negative test, he/she may be allowed to return to school once fever-free without medication for 24 hours. However, in the absence of a negative COVID test, the child may have to be excluded from school for up to 14 days. It is imperative that parents communicate with the school when a child is experiencing symptoms.
How many days will my child be out of school if he/she is identified as a close contact?	There are three (3) exclusion (quarantine) options: • 14 days of exclusion and return to school on day 15 or • 10 days of exclusion IF no symptoms develop (student is required to wear a face covering days 11-14 if they return to school) or • 7 days of exclusion with a negative antigen test <u>on or after day 5</u> (student is required to wear a face covering days 8 - 14 if they return to school)
How many days will my child be out of school if he/she tests positive for COVID?	COVID positive individuals are excluded for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the date of a positive test administration.

What if my student is a close contact but has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past?	The student is not required to quarantine if they have tested positive and show proof **within the last 3 months**.
Am I required to report that my student is COVID positive to the school?	Yes. Communicable disease legislature and DCS Board Policy requires parents to report a confirmed communicable disease to the child's school.
Who do I contact at my school if my student or someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19?	Each school has a designated COVID Point Person. Please contact your school's CPP in the event your child has been exposed, is exhibiting symptoms and/or tests positive for COVID-19.
How will I know if my student is a close contact to a COVID-19 positive case at school?	The school's designated COVID Point Person will contact parents/guardians and provide specific information on next steps for your student. In certain situations, schools may notify all parents when there is a confirmed positive case in the school.
What is the policy regarding make-up work for my student if they are out of school due to a positive COVID-19 test and/or close contact?	Students are expected to complete ALL make-up assignments they miss during their quarantine/isolation. Policy states that students must submit assignments within 5 school days after they return. Please contact your school to make arrangements for receiving assignments/digital devices while your child is absent.
Will my student be counted absent if they are quarantined or identified as a close contact?	Schools will use the code 1D for students who are required to isolate/quarantine. While these will be calculated as absences because schools must by law indicate when a student is not physically present, the student will not be penalized in terms of the attendance policy. For example, the maximum number of absences elementary students are allowed is 16; any absences due to isolation/quarantine will not be counted in those allowable 16 absences.
Will I be able to visit school?	To minimize risk for transmission of COVID, elementary schools will not allow lunch visitors for the first quarter. Additionally, volunteers will not be utilized at the beginning of the school year. However, parents/guardians will be allowed to attend certain events in person (IEP meetings, meet the teacher, conferences, etc.) As the year progresses, school leaders will discuss options for allowing more visitors in light of the current data for COVID infections. Individuals with any of the symptoms listed at the top of this document should not enter a school.

What if I want my child to wear a face covering?	While face coverings are optional, a parent can elect to send a face covering with their student. School staff cannot enforce the use of face coverings during the school day.
Will my student be required to wear a face covering on the school bus?	Per a CDC order, all students and staff are required to wear face coverings in all group transportation (buses, vans, driver's education cars, etc.) due to the inability to layer additional prevention measures such as ventilation, social distancing, etc.