



# Denali Borough School District

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## DBSD Smart Start Re-Opening Framework For 2022-23

The updated Smart Start Framework goes into effect on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

### In-Person Learning

The DBSD School Board prioritizes in-person learning for the 2022-23 school year. The educational needs of our students, availability of multiple layers of effective mitigation actions, and the current nature of the COVID-19 pandemic allows us to provide in-person learning the Denali Borough schools and offices.

### Distance Learning

The superintendent is authorized to suspend in-person learning for up to 48 hours and transition to distance learning. This may be decided for one or all school sites, or division within a school in the event of a significant change in the nature of pandemic. Action from the School Board is required if the suspension of in-person learning is to be extended beyond two (2) school days.

Parents choosing a distance learning or virtual school option for their children will be supported through Denali PEAK or the Cantwell Virtual School.

### Vaccinations

DBSD encourages everyone who is eligible, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in order to protect themselves and our community. Through the District Nurse, the district will assist any staff member or student family to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination with an appropriate provider.

### Face Coverings

Wearing a well-fitting mask or respirator consistently and correctly reduces the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Face coverings such as masks are optional for all students, staff, and visitors in DBSD schools and offices.

### Screening Tests

DBSD shall make coronavirus screenings test readily available for all students and staff.

#### Mission Statement

*Working together to nurture, empower, and inspire today's student to positively shape tomorrow's world*

### Contact Tracing

The district will contact trace when a positive case is identified through school-based testing in order to identify close contacts. Contact tracing will be conducted and communicated through the district nurse and school administration.

### COVID-19 Positive Individuals

When an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they are to remain at home and participate in distance learning for the CDC recommended period of isolation. We recommend that a student returning to in-person learning after a period of isolation chooses to wear a mask, as per CDC recommendations.

### Close Contacts

The district recommends that close contacts of a positive individual follow the guidelines from the CDC such as wearing a well-fitting mask for period of time, monitor for possible symptoms and test as appropriate.

### Parents and Visitors

Parents are welcome to enter the schools to drop-off and pick-up students at the beginning and end of the school day. At other times of the day parents may check-in at the school office, and when appropriate receive permission to visit a classroom.

### Review Date

The DBSD Smart Start Re-Opening Framework will be reviewed for possible revision by the School Board as needed for the remainder of the 2022-23 school and at least prior to end of January 2023.