



## Denali Borough School District START STRONG COVID-19 Protocols for 2022-23

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### General Guidelines for Students, Parents/Guardians and Staff

**Vaccination:** DBSD encourages all eligible students (with parent or guardian consent), staff, parents, and community members to be up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. Vaccinations keep students in the classroom by reducing the number and severity of infections.

**Symptomatic Students and Staff:** As with all communicable illnesses, parents and guardians shall keep their child home if they are positive for COVID-19 or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 that are a change from the individual's normal health patterns, unless cleared by a licensed health care professional. Students demonstrating symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infections must follow CDC protocols for their return to school. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to have symptomatic students tested for COVID-19. This testing can speed the return of the child to the classroom and help ensure the overall health of classmates and others in the school community. These same standards apply to staff.

**Reporting and Communication:** Parents should notify schools if their student is confirmed positive with COVID-19. The District will inform parents if their child is believed to be a close contact arising from a school based test, so that the parents may take appropriate precautions. The District will report confirmed cases in students and/or staff who tested at school to public health, when required by law and regulation.

**COVID-19 Positive Cases:** COVID-19 positive individuals shall follow CDC guidelines for isolation and cannot be in school until this period of time has concluded.

**Testing:** DBSD will provide optional testing at school to staff and students, with parent consent. Screening testing will be provided by the school nurse or trained personnel. Testing will not be provided in the PEAK offices where more community testing resources are available.

#### Mission Statement

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

## 2022-23 Return to School Operational Guidelines

**Attendance Models:** DBSD will have full-length, in-person school for Anderson, Cantwell, and Tri-Valley. DBSD will support homeschooling students through Denali PEAK Correspondence School and Cantwell Virtual School.

**Face Coverings:** Face coverings, such as masks, are optional for all students, staff, and visitors while inside DBSD schools, offices, and vehicles.

**Cleaning and Disinfecting:** Regular cleaning and disinfecting will occur in classrooms and offices. Sanitizing will occur as needed.

**Handwashing/Hand Sanitizing:** Hand sanitizer will be available in schools and classrooms. Frequent hand washing and/or sanitizing shall occur during the school day.

**Meals and Recess Breaks:** Students will consume meals in cafeterias and other school settings at school discretion. Cohorting may be used in the event of an outbreak in the school or community.

**Student/Staff Health and Safety:** The District Nurse or trained staff will be on site to screen students and staff showing symptoms of illness. Proper isolation protocols will be followed in the event of suspected cases in schools or offices.

**Parents/Guardians and Volunteers:** Parents/guardians and approved volunteers are welcome in the schools. Parents and volunteers are required to follow DBSD procedures and protocols.

**Activities:** Activities including student assemblies, fine arts, athletics, open houses, etc. are available to students, parents, and guests.

**Facility Use Agreements:** DBSD facilities shall generally be available for community use as per board policy.