



# DANIEL BOONE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Blazer Learning Community Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s),

Welcome to the 2021/2022 school year. We look forward to welcoming our *Blazer Learning Community* learners into our District buildings on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Our building principals have already provided much correspondence relative to the start of this school year for your child(ren). I encourage you to access our [District website](#) often, where you can access not only District-level information, but specific District building information as well.

Much debate relative to face covering/mask mandates has become prevalent in the past few weeks drawing significant national, state, and local attention to local governing bodies. The strong recommendation by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA-HAN) relative to universal face coverings/masking due to an increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in our state, county and local community; further understanding the importance that our learners return to and remain in an in-person instructional environment, the DBASD Board of School Directors (BOSD) had voted (7-26-21) and revisited through discussion (8-9-21 & 8-23-21) to approve our layered mitigation approach as indicated in the DBASD [Blazer Learning Community \(HSP\)](#). The [HSP](#) will continue to be revisited at subsequent BOSD meetings.

The [HSP](#) identifies optional face coverings/masks for all of our students, staff, and community while in District buildings and/or on District grounds; paralleling the CDC's, AAP's, and PA-HAN's strong recommendation of face coverings/masking, while at the same time providing a layer of mitigation for the individual(s) making that decision to utilize a face covering/mask. This optional face covering/masking choice, along with the other mitigation strategies identified in the District's [HSP](#), serves as a layered mitigation approach for our students, staff, and community.

Our [HSP](#) is only effective if we all do our part to ensure we are making decisions to keep one another safe and healthy. **If students, staff, or community find themselves in a position where they may have been exposed to COVID-19, necessitating a test, the time to notify your school nurse or building administration is at the time the test is requested and NOT after results are acquired.**

If a student, staff, or community member is exhibiting any symptoms of illness, that student or staff should not come to school and community member should not enter District buildings. Students who are asymptomatic or feeling well enough, or are recommended to quarantine as a result of COVID-19 exposure, are still able to continue with classwork remotely through our DBDL platform to avoid falling behind when they are unable to attend school in-person.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health, with the assistance of the Daniel Boone Area School District, will continue to notify those recommended to quarantine as the result of COVID-19 exposure while in District buildings.

The DBASD wants to remind everyone to continue the practices of social distancing where feasible, wear face coverings/masks at the strong recommendation of the CDC, AAP and PA-HAN, as well as frequent hand washing. Students, staff and community are asked to continue to monitor their health. If your child(ren) has any of these symptoms, please contact your medical provider.

- Temperature of 100.4 or higher
- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

More information on the symptoms of COVID-19 can be found at [PA Department of Health](#) or at [the Center of Disease Control and Prevention](#). Additionally, please continue to frequently access our district's [COVID-19](#) page for information and updates.

Parents/guardians/caregivers are encouraged to reach out to your child's building principal to discuss additional options s/he may be able to provide relative to an instructional environment that would best suit the needs of your child's and family's particular situation.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools