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

At last evening's, Monday, November 22, 2021 Daniel Boone Area School District (DBASD) Board of School Directors (BOSD) meeting, the BOSD took action to update our DBASD *Blazer Learning Community* Health & Safety Plan ([HSP](#)) – **3.e Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments**; to reflect the following:

- Students or staff testing negative for COVID-19 may return to school when symptoms are no longer present for a minimum of 24 hours;
- Students wearing a face covering/mask, within 3' for 15 minutes or more of a positive case, will be notified of their exposure through contact tracing in the school, and unless they present symptoms these students will be allowed to remain in school;
- Adult staff wearing a face covering/mask, within 6' for 15 minutes or more of a positive case, will be notified of their exposure through contact tracing in the school, and unless they present symptoms these adult staff will be allowed to remain in school;
- Students and staff, not wearing a face covering/mask (e.g. while eating lunch, while participating in indoor physical activity, etc.) within 6' for 15 minutes or more of a positive case, will be notified of their exposure through contact tracing in the school, and will need to quarantine as per [PAHAN](#) & [CDC](#) recommendations

Additionally, the DBASD BOSD approved [HSP](#) had been revised on 9-14-21 to reflect the [face covering/mask order](#); however, the language referenced in section **3.a.** of the chart included in the [HSP](#) related to *Universal and correct wearing of masks*, indicating that *the school district will follow all Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DoH) mandates in regards to Masking*. With this current language in the [HSP](#), referencing *follow all mandates*, and the mandate had been declared *unenforceable* by a Commonwealth Court panel on Wednesday, November 10, 2021; however, appealed by the Governor considering it a [stay](#), and the Tuesday, November 16, 2021 Commonwealth Court additional issued [order](#) and [opinion](#) ending the [face covering/mask](#) mandate effective Saturday, December 4, 2021, [face coverings/masks](#); once again, will be optional in all DBASD buildings on said date, as absent some action by the Supreme Court, the Secretary's mask [order](#) will be void on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

As a reminder, 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; and choose to do so within the scope of our *Blazer Learning Community HSP*, as a result of COVID-19 exposure, are still able to continue with classwork remotely through our DBDL platform to avoid falling behind should they choose to or be unable to attend school in-person.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health, (PA DoH) with the assistance of the DBASD 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 and 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 DoH](#) 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. Also, 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.

Parents/guardians/caregivers are encouraged to continue reaching 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