



DuPlin County Schools Mask Plan

DuPlin County Schools Universal Mask mandate will remain in effect until DuPlin County achieves a <5% COVID-19 positivity rate (as reported by the CDC) for two consecutive weeks, except for athletics as outlined below.

- **Masks Optional:** When the DuPlin County COVID-19 Percent Positivity Rate is <5% (as reported by the CDC) and < 1,000 students are in quarantine for two consecutive weeks, masks become optional for all students, staff and visitors to any DuPlin County Schools campus.
 - When masks are optional, correctly worn and well-fitted face masks are required while on buses, vans, and other school transportation (including when traveling to and from school and/or athletic events and while on field trips).
- **Masks Mandatory:** When the DuPlin County COVID-19 Percent Positivity Rate is >8% (as reported by the CDC) and/or >1,000 students are in quarantine for two consecutive weeks, masks will be mandatory for all students, staff and visitors to any DuPlin County Schools campus.
 - When masks are mandatory, correctly worn and well-fitted face masks are required indoors, except for during mealtimes, and outdoors, except for allowable mask breaks with proper supervision.
 - Masks are optional while on the playground or in a supervised, outdoor play area and during outdoor athletic practices and events.
 - Correctly and well-fitted face masks are required while on buses, vans, and other school transportation (including when traveling to and from school and/or athletic events and while on field trips).
 - **Test to Stay:**
 - Exposed asymptomatic individuals(non-household exposures only) have the option to be tested to avoid exclusion from school. Before a student is tested for COVID-19 at school, parents/guardians must provide consent.
 - Asymptomatic individuals (non-household exposures only) whose test results are negative will not need to be excluded from school or athletics. Testing of exposed, asymptomatic students will occur the day of notification and as close to day 5 after the exposure.
 - Exposed, asymptomatic individuals will be required to wear a mask in all school settings, including athletics, for a full 10 days after exposure.
 - Individuals with a household exposure are not eligible for the Test to Stay Option.
- **Athletics:** Players, coaches and members of any DuPlin County Schools middle and high school athletic programs are NOT required to wear a mask during athletic events and practice in either of the above scenarios, unless an exposed asymptomatic person is required to by the Test to Stay program.*
 - Athletic spectators will follow the DuPlin County Schools mask requirement in place at the time of the event.
- The DuPlin County Schools Mask Plan is subject to revision at any time based on the latest CDC guidance.

**On January 7, 2022 the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) was updated to include a Test to Stay option which includes in-school and extracurricular activities. As a result, the original COVID-19 Screening Testing program for athletics has been replaced by the Test to Stay option.*