

In April 2021, the governor required a return to in-person instruction five days a week. The requirement will continue for the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to have students return to school.

2021-2022 Frequently Asked Questions

Will my child be required to wear a mask?

In accordance with the state budget Proviso 1.108 passed by the SC Legislature, Dorchester 4 will no longer require that face coverings be worn by students and staff within district facilities. The wearing of face masks by students and staff within district facilities remains a recommendation of state and federal health officials and is strongly encouraged when indoors. Dorchester School District Four is requiring that students wear a mask on buses.

How will I know if my child has been exposed?

Exposure is defined as being in close proximity (within 6 feet) for 15 minutes or more with an infected person. If your child has been exposed you will receive a phone call from the school nurse or principal and a letter with medical information will be sent home with your student.

What if my child tests positive for Covid-19 outside of school?

Please keep your child home and contact your child's school nurse for further guidance if your child tests positive for COVID.

How do I know if I need to get my child tested?

You may contact your child's school nurse for guidance depending if your child is symptomatic or exposed. If your child is symptomatic, testing is encouraged. If your child has been exposed your school nurse will determine the appropriate timeframe for testing.

What if my child has cold/flu-like symptoms?

If your child has cold/flu like symptoms, please keep your child home and contact your medical provider to determine the need for testing. You may also contact your school nurse for guidance.

What do I do if someone in my household has tested positive?

If someone in your household tests positive, please keep your child home from school and all school activities and quarantine for the recommended 14 days. Please contact the school nurse for testing guidance.

How will my child learn if they are sent home to quarantine?

If the event your child is quarantined, your child's teacher and the school will work together to make sure learning continues during the quarantine period. Students will receive **asynchronous** assignments that can be completed independently at home. If you need a district-provided hotspot to access assignments posted on the teacher's Learning Management System (LMS), hotspots can be requested through the district. Contact your child's school for more information on asynchronous learning and hotspots if your child has been quarantined.