



## **UPDATED DD4 COVID Protocols**

**In an effort to keep DD4 aligned with SCDHEC guidelines, the COVID Response Team, in collaboration with all district nurses, has updated the COVID Employee/Staff Protocols.**

Dorchester District Four schools and locations have suspended Test-to-Stay and quarantine practices in accordance with DHEC guidance. The District will continue tracking positive cases at all schools and locations. If a school or location reaches 10% of its students and staff absent due to COVID-19 over two consecutive one-week periods, the District will notify the administration, and they will reinstate contact tracing, Test-to-Stay and quarantine practices at their location as required by DHEC.

### **Reporting Symptoms**

Any students or staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 are able to obtain a test kit from their school nurse or the Department of Exceptional Children. Staff must have a medically observed COVID test or documentation from a physician to be absent due to COVID (this aligns with Board Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences). Please coordinate with your school nurse or Monica Tudder to get this completed. NOTE: DD4 is no longer providing COVID relief days. Absences will come from your personal sick bank.

### **Please be Aware of the Following COVID-19 Symptoms**

The CDC reports people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms -- ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Please watch for the following.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

### **ISOLATION for Positive COVID-19 Cases still Required**

Students who test positive for COVID-19 should continue to notify their school nurse and are required to isolate for (5) five days from the date of the positive test. Staff who test positive for COVID-19 should continue to follow the self-report procedures established and will be required to isolate for (5) five days from the date of the positive test or onset of symptoms as confirmed with the COVID Response Team. Medically observed at home tests will continue to be accepted. **Anyone returning on day 6 following a positive COVID test must wear a mask at all times on days 6-10 per CDC guidelines.**

### **Testing Options**

DD4 is providing COVID-19 test kits to students or staff who have symptoms and need to take a test. Parents or staff may request a test kit from their school or work location or go to any local testing center.