

**Decatur County Schools  
Quarantine Guidance Update  
Effective 9/1/2021**

- Mask usage is strongly encouraged especially when social distancing is not possible.
- Social distancing for students is defined as 3 feet and less than 15 minutes to a positive contact.

In the event of direct contact of an individual that is positive or symptomatic with COVID-19 the following guidance applies;

**Direct Contact for Vaccinated Individuals & those previously recovered from a positive test of COVID-19:**

- If an individual is fully vaccinated they will not have to quarantine in the event of a direct contact provided they remain symptom free.
- If they become symptomatic or positive they must quarantine for 10 days from the date of the first symptom or positive test and be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- If an individual has recovered from a positive test of COVID-19 they are not required to quarantine for up to 90 days after they recover.

**Direct Contact for Unvaccinated Individuals:**

- **Wearing a Mask:**
  - If an individual is wearing a mask during a direct contact they will not have to quarantine provided they remain symptom free.
  - If they become symptomatic or positive they must quarantine for 10 days from the date of the first symptom or positive test and be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- **Non-Mask Wearing**
  - If an individual is NOT wearing a mask during a direct contact they must quarantine for 14 days and remain symptom free.
  - If they become symptomatic or positive they must quarantine for 10 days from the date of the first symptom or positive test and be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

\*If your child is identified as having a direct contact that requires a quarantine a school employee will contact you from your child's school. If you have additional questions do not hesitate to contact your child's school for more information.