

Red Days/Periods: Red days or periods are when school is closed for a rolling amount of time or indefinitely depending on the severity of the virus and the number of cases. The state or Arapahoe County Health may order school districts closed. The school may choose to close, although to act without guidance from Arapahoe Health or state would be rare. This may be for short periods of time such as four to seven days. Every instructional day is important and in these situations, students will be expected to continue academic progress at home.

Criteria:	The Arapahoe County Health or Governor ordered school closures.
Arapahoe County Health Guidelines:	Every decision will need to be cleared by Arapahoe Co. Health
Instruction:	<p>Elementary – Will still have Group A and Group B, <u>but would be totally online</u>. Group A would be in the morning, while group B would be in the afternoon. Students will receive direct and practice instruction through utilization of online programs and distance learning. Attendance will be required on a daily basis and school engagement levels will be mandatory via online monitoring.</p> <p>Core instruction will occur through Google Classroom and Chromebooks and partnered with online supplemental programs. Students may still receive in building instruction for academic needs, special needs support and small group instruction such as reading intervention if allowed by the local health department.</p>
Student Interaction:	<p>Students will be graded for work completed and done just like normal school.</p> <p>Students will have interactions but all will be in smaller groups or online.</p>
Employee Precautions/Support:	Teachers and staff will be required to report to work unless the Arapahoe County Health orders the school closed. During this time, teachers will deliver lessons in which students can access material. Teachers may be organizing and providing packets/resources for students as well.
Schedule Structure:	High School and Middle School classes may still occur on a time table with a set schedule. All college classes will still run on a schedule.
Common Use Areas: Cafeteria, Gym, Playground, Library	Many common use areas may likely be closed and off limits to students.

Individual or Group Quarantined Students:

There may be a possibility that a student or a group of students, such as siblings or some other cohort, may be quarantined if exposed to COVID-19. In this event, the following protocols and procedures will apply:

Secondary Students Grades 6 -12:

1. Students will still be expected to proceed with their education, assuming that they are not ill.
2. Students must log in to Google Classroom and engage in lessons posted by the teacher on a daily basis. Students may be required to watch a recorded lesson in order to complete work and receive credit.
3. Students will be graded and receive credit for work done and completed on time.
4. Missing work will be the responsibility of the student in conversation with the teacher.
5. Students must be screened by the school personnel before they come back to school if they were exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms.

Elementary Students Grade K-5:

1. Students will be expected to proceed with their education, assuming they are healthy and not ill.
2. Elementary students in grades K-5 must log into Google Classroom and engage in lessons posted by the teacher on a daily basis. Students may be required to watch a recorded lesson in order to complete work.
3. Students in grades K-5 must read on average of thirty minutes a day.
4. Students must make adequate progress, as defined by their classroom teacher, on the DT26J online learning program.
5. Missing work will be the responsibility of the student in conversation with the teacher.
6. Students must be screened by the school personnel before they come back to school if they were exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms.

Screening Process for Staff

Deer Trail School District is committed to maintaining a healthy environment for our students, staff and community. Adult employees can be more susceptible to COVID-19 and experience a wide range of symptoms that could potentially be related to COVID-19. All employees are *required* to report those symptoms to their direct supervisors. All employees are required to be temperature checked and screened every day upon arrival at work. There may be situations where an employee contracts COVID-19 and is required to quarantine at home. The following protocols will apply:

1. Employees must be diagnosed and ordered to undergo a quarantine process by a licensed healthcare professional.
2. In order to return to work from a quarantine, employees must have written permission from a licensed medical provider allowing them to return to work.
3. Employees will follow applicable policies regarding staff leave and sick bank policies.

Screening Process for Students:

Screening is key to minimizing possible transmissions of COVID-19 at school or during school related activities. The following will be the guideline for Deer Trail School District 26J to follow regarding screening of students during the school year. Screening for students will be a three tiered process.

1. Highly encourage and communicate screening of students in the home setting.
2. Screening of students will take place on the bus, by bus assistants.
3. Staff will visually check for symptoms & temperatures for students not riding the bus.

Continuum of Screening:



HOME is the first point on the screening continuum. LEAs should educate and support families on identifying the symptoms that indicate staff and students must stay at home. Families should be encouraged to self-report symptoms of illness, which could include fever, new onset of cough, etc. Self-reporting mechanisms could include calling the school, calling health-care provider, etc.



TRANSPORTATION is the second point on the screening continuum. LEAs should use clearly visible signage to communicate the symptoms students should not have if traveling on a school bus.



SCHOOL is the final point on the screening continuum. LEA staff should visually check for symptoms (which may include temperature checks) and/or confirm with families that students are COVID-19 symptom-free. *Follow up with healthcare professional.

Visitors/Itinerant Staff:

Schools are frequently visited by outside people whether they are parents or service providers. This section outlines the protocols for entering the building for visitors and itinerant staff.

1. Parents will no longer be allowed to walk their students to their classrooms. Parents must allow their students to go with a staff member or another student to class.
2. BOCES and other providers must do a self-screening prior to entering the building. Temperature and checks for other COVID-19 symptoms are part of the screening procedure.
3. Parents who need to come to the school must first check into the office and then wait in the designated area while their student comes to the office.

Masks/Face Coverings/Personal Protective Equipment

DT26J's guidelines in following Masks/Face Coverings/PPE until further notice for **Employees will be the following:** Governor's Executive Order D 2020 138 and Health Guidance by COVID-19 Phase (Pg. 11), issued by Colorado Department of Education.

- *Require face coverings over the nose and mouth for all staff, including during in-person instruction (Additional Guidance) unless they cannot medically tolerate a face covering.*
- If needed, face coverings may be temporarily removed or transparent alternatives may temporarily be substituted when learning differences interfere with instruction.
- If necessary, the mask may be removed for instruction for the shortest duration possible.
- Even when in a cohort, face coverings over the nose and mouth are required for all staff.
- Adults are required to wear coverings over the nose and mouth when they are with other adults including faculty lounges.

Masks/Face Coverings/Personal Protective Equipment

DT26J's guidelines in following Masks/Face Coverings/PPE until further notice for **Protecting Students/Parents will be the following:** Governor's Executive Order D 2020 138 and Health Guidance by COVID-19 Phase (Pg. 11), issued by Colorado Department of Education.

- Comply with applicable state and local mask orders, in addition to below.
- *Encourage cloth face coverings over the nose and mouth for students up to age 10 years except during outdoor recess and exercise activities.*
- *Mandatory cloth face coverings over the nose and mouth of students in Grades 6 – 12, ages 11 & older, except during outdoor recess and exercise activities where appropriate distancing can be maintained, unless the student has a health or education reason for not wearing a mask.*
- Face Covering styles with other than head-strap style attachments should be preferred for students under 10 to increase safety and improve ability of students to remove their own masks.
- All masks should be removed during nap times and when young children cannot be directly observed; masks should be designed so students can remove them without help.

Cohorts

Cohorts are one of the best ways to help control transmission of contagion in school. The practice of cohorts is keeping students together as much as possible during the school day. This not only cuts down on the number of students that each student is exposed to, it also creates less need to quarantine students who may become infected. K- 5 Cohorts, students and teachers in classrooms will do their best to observe social distancing. The middle/high school has limited cohorting capacity. When cohorting is not feasible, Deer Trail School District 26J will employ other control measures to help mitigate the possibility of contagion such as masks and social distancing.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Will this plan be communicated to parents and students clearly so that everyone knows what to expect? *Yes! Deer Trail Schools will share this plan so that parents and students know what to expect prior to school starting, August 8th.*
- Will the COVID virus push back the start of school? *No. At this time, Deer Trail School District 26J is planning on our first day of school on August 8th.*
- What kinds of steps can we take as parents, students and community members to help support our school? *We believe that if all of us work together we will get through this and our school will be a safe place to teach and learn. In this plan, we have outlined Deer Trail School District's commitments to our parents, students and community. Here are some commitments that students, parents and families can make for each other and our school:*

Deer Trail Student Commitments

- *Stay home if you are not feeling well and do your best to get some work done if you feel like you are healthy enough to work from home.*
- *If you are at school and you begin to feel sick, please notify an adult so that we can help.*
- *Wash your hands! Handwashing is the best preventative measure you can take to protect yourself and others.*
- *Do your best to socially distance with your friends and others outside of school.*
- *Leave school grounds after school unless participating in extracurricular activities.*
- *Understand that everyone is dealing with this problem and that some students may feel differently or have heightened stress around this concern.*
- *Study hard and be the great student everyone knows you can be!*

Parents/Family Commitments

- *Do your best to screen your student before school starts. This saves on valuable learning time and does not create added stress for students at school. DT26J has cooperated and work with the Arapahoe County Health & CDE to issue these reopening guidelines so that you know what to do. Keep your student home if he or she is sick!*
- *Know the symptoms of COVID-19 and the preventative steps you can take to keep your family, kids and therefore, the school as safe as possible*
- *Be open and available for communication. This is a time in which if we all communicate as much as possible, we will promote and ensure not just safety but service as well.*
- *Know that we are doing our best and that we are always open to feedback.*

If you have any thoughts or questions around this plan, please contact Mr. Jobman at the district office, email or school district secretary, hwhitehead@dt26j.com. This plan will be again updated and revised as needed due to changing County, CDE and State regulations.

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