The goal of the updated “Learning by Design” plan is to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 so that school buildings will remain open and students will continue to learn in person five days a week.

Levels of COVID-19 Community Spread
For 2021-2022, the Douglas County School System will recognize three levels of community spread of COVID-19 in Douglas County. These levels will guide our mask protocol. Data is obtained from Georgia Department of Public Health (dph.georgia.gov).

- Low Spread
  - 50 or fewer cases per 100,000 (last 2 weeks)
  - Positive rate of 0-2%
  - Schools open 5 days a week
- Moderate Spread
  - 51-99 cases per 100,000 (last 2 weeks)
  - Positive rate of 2-4.9%
  - Schools open 5 days a week
- High Spread
  - 100+ cases per 100,000 (last 2 weeks)
  - Positive rate of 5% or more
  - Schools open 5 days a week

*Face covering must be worn over nose and mouth

PLEASE NOTE:
If, at any time, the number of staff members who are quarantined makes it impossible to conduct class in person or transport students to school, we may move a class, grade level, or school to digital learning for a limited time.

Learning Plan & Safety Guidance
The following will be implemented for all levels of spread as long as COVID-19 is a concern in our community.

ACADEMICS
Traditional learning in person five days a week
Online options: FLEX Academy and FLEX Live-Online (FLEX programs have a defined enrollment window.)

PHYSICAL DISTANCING
Students and staff should physically distance themselves when possible.

CLEANING
High touch areas will be cleaned throughout the day. Areas will be fogged in the event of COVID-19 cases.

OTHER PREVENTION STRATEGIES
Students and staff should:
- remain home if experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms
- practice good hand hygiene by washing hands frequently and/or using hand sanitizer often
- cover coughs and sneezes
- not share eating utensils
- not drink after others
- bring a water bottle to refill at the water stations

QUARANTINE
Unvaccinated students and staff who are in direct contact with someone who has tested positive must quarantine for 10 days. On day 5 or later, direct contacts with no symptoms may take a PCR or antigen test (not an antibody or home test) and, with a negative result, return to school or work on day 8.

Vaccinated students and staff who are in direct contact with someone who has tested positive do not have to quarantine if they are asymptomatic.

ISOLATION
Students and staff who test positive must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms or a positive test for COVID-19. All individuals with a pending test should isolate at home pending results.

VACCINE GUIDANCE
The COVID-19 vaccine is strongly encouraged for all eligible individuals.

TESTING
Students and staff in need of COVID-19 testing may contact Cobb & Douglas Public Health or their healthcare provider.