

De Queen Public Schools

Ready for Learning Plan

Continuity of Services



Revised September 29, 2021: The plan was reviewed and discussed with no changes made to the plan.

Note: The information in this document is subject to change as directives are provided by governing agencies and/or health officials or as environmental needs change.

During the regularly scheduled school board meeting on April 13, 2021, the De Queen School District Board of Directors accepted the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Sanders and the Ready for Learning Committee to modify the mask policy to the following:

“De Queen Public Schools will continue to recommend and encourage the wearing of masks/face covering, but will not require them to be worn.”

De Queen School District will continue to follow best practices to ensure the safety of both students and educators while supporting a strong in-person learning environment.

De Queen School District will continue to follow the Arkansas Department of Health guidelines for non-AAA extracurricular activities and AAA-sponsored activities. <https://www.aractivities.org/covid19>

De Queen School District will follow guidance by the Arkansas Department of Health for large indoor and outdoor venues and activities.

De Queen School District will continue preventative measures as we encourage students, teachers, staff and campus visitors to follow handwashing and respiratory etiquette and follow social distancing guidelines while in the classrooms, hallways,

lunchrooms, buses, and activity spaces. Cleaning and disinfecting practices will be continued to maintain healthy facilities. Hand sanitizing stations are placed throughout each building to encourage students, teachers, staff and visitors to sanitize frequently. Upgraded HVAC systems and purifiers are being utilized to improve airflow and air quality across the district.

Contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation will be followed as recommended by the CDC. Students and staff should stay home when sick. Fully-vaccinated students and staff do not need to quarantine if deemed close contacts, unless they have/develop symptoms. Individuals exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 will not need to quarantine if the individual exposed has no symptoms and both the infected and exposed individual consistently and correctly were wearing a mask.

Digital learning options will continue to be implemented as needed. Students and families should feel confident that students can remain connected to their school even if they are unable to attend in person due to COVID-19 isolation or quarantine requirements.