

# DORCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

"EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY, A SUCCESS"

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Good Afternoon,

The Nebraska Department of Education, The Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors, and our local health department, Public Health Solutions, have all changed their stance on who will have to quarantine in the event that a school student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.

Previously, a person wearing a mask would not have to quarantine after coming into close contact with an unmasked infected person. Now, a person wearing a mask still has to quarantine for 10-14 days after coming into close contact with an unmasked infected person. Before, as long as a person was wearing a mask, they were protected from having to quarantine. Now, even if a person is wearing a mask, they will be sent home if they come into close contact with an unmasked person who tests positive for COVID-19.

I've attached an infographic, provided by Public Health Solutions that explains this as well.

This is a significant change for us, and forces us to change our policy on face coverings. As a result, **starting Monday, October 12, masks will be required for all students and staff in our school district.** Please talk with your child(ren) about this change as all children will now need to wear a face covering when social distancing is not possible or when requested to do so by a staff member.

At the beginning of the school year, DPS provided masks for each student. We still have masks available, and have ordered additional masks. Please refer to documents on the school website and in the school newsletter for how to properly use and care for them.

Thank you for all you have been doing to keep us in school! We hope this change will allow us to stay in school and allow our extracurricular activities to continue. The safety of your children is our utmost concern, and we will continue to make the necessary adjustments to stay in session.

Please reach out if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Daryl Schrunk  
Superintendent