

MASKS OPTIONAL, EXCEPT BUSES

Masks will be optional for students and staff at Damar Charter Academy. Visitors who are not fully vaccinated should wear a mask. In accordance with a federal mandate from the Department of Transportation, masks will be required on the school bus. This includes transportation to and from school, extra-curricular activities and any time the bus includes passengers. Bus drivers may remove their masks when there are no passengers on the bus.

SYMPTOM SCREENING

As directed by the Indiana Department of Health (IDoH), if your child is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (latest symptom list below) they should stay home from school and their primary care provider should be contacted. If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, they need to stay home from school until their symptoms are improving and it has been at least 10 days from the time the symptoms began- unless they have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result or a note from a healthcare provider stating that there is an alternate diagnosis. If anyone in the household is being tested for COVID-19, students should remain at home until the student has a negative COVID-19 PCR test result according to guidance from the IDoH. Test must be a PCR test.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include (most recent update from IDoH 2/9/21): Temperature 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth, sore throat, cough, especially new onset uncontrolled cough, or any cough causing shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/ asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline), diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, or abdominal pain, new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever, new loss of taste or smell.

WHAT IF STUDENT/STAFF TESTS POSITIVE

You must contact the school nurse.

This individual may return to school only if the following conditions are met:

- *The person has been fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours (if symptomatic)
- *Other symptoms have improved (cough, shortness of breath)
- *At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared or have passed with no symptoms

EXPOSURE INSIDE/OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL - QUARANTINE INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL NURSE IF YOU HAVE CLOSE CONTACT WITH A POSITIVE CASE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.

Damar Charter Academy would be contacted by the Marion County Health Department in the event that a student or staff member tests positive, but you should contact the school nurse after a positive tests result as well. Anyone with close contact to a positive case at school will be contacted by phone and email. Quarantined individuals who are fully vaccinated may show proof of vaccine to return to school. If instructed to have a COVID-19 test, students and staff should not attend school while awaiting test results. Questions about close contact outside of school should be directed to the Marion County Health Department. Orders to quarantine will be directed by the Marion County Health Department.