



SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Sumter School District Families,

Sumter School District continues to navigate the challenges related to the pandemic in order to safely operate our schools. Our team has carefully reviewed the newest guidelines from South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) that were released January 15, 2022. Effective Monday, January 31, the quarantine period for students and staff who are exposed to COVID-19 has been reduced from ten days to five days for those who are not presenting symptoms of COVID-19 after daily at-home monitoring and have not tested positive during the quarantine period. The COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Protocols is a fluid document, and adjustments will continue to be made as we receive updated guidance from Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and SCDHEC.

As we continue to work to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff, it is imperative that we all do our part to mitigate the spread of the virus.

- Stay at home when exhibiting symptoms, awaiting test results, and/or testing positive.
- Obtain the vaccine series and booster if eligible.
- Wear a face mask.
- Ensure physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- Practice handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
- Clean and maintain healthy facilities.
- Conduct contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine.

I would like to thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we work together to help ensure a positive and safe learning environment. For additional information regarding COVID-19 protocols, please visit our website at sumterschools.net. Together Sumter: Every School, Every Student, Every Day! We are #SumterStrong!

For the children,

Dr. Penelope E. Martin-Knox
Superintendent