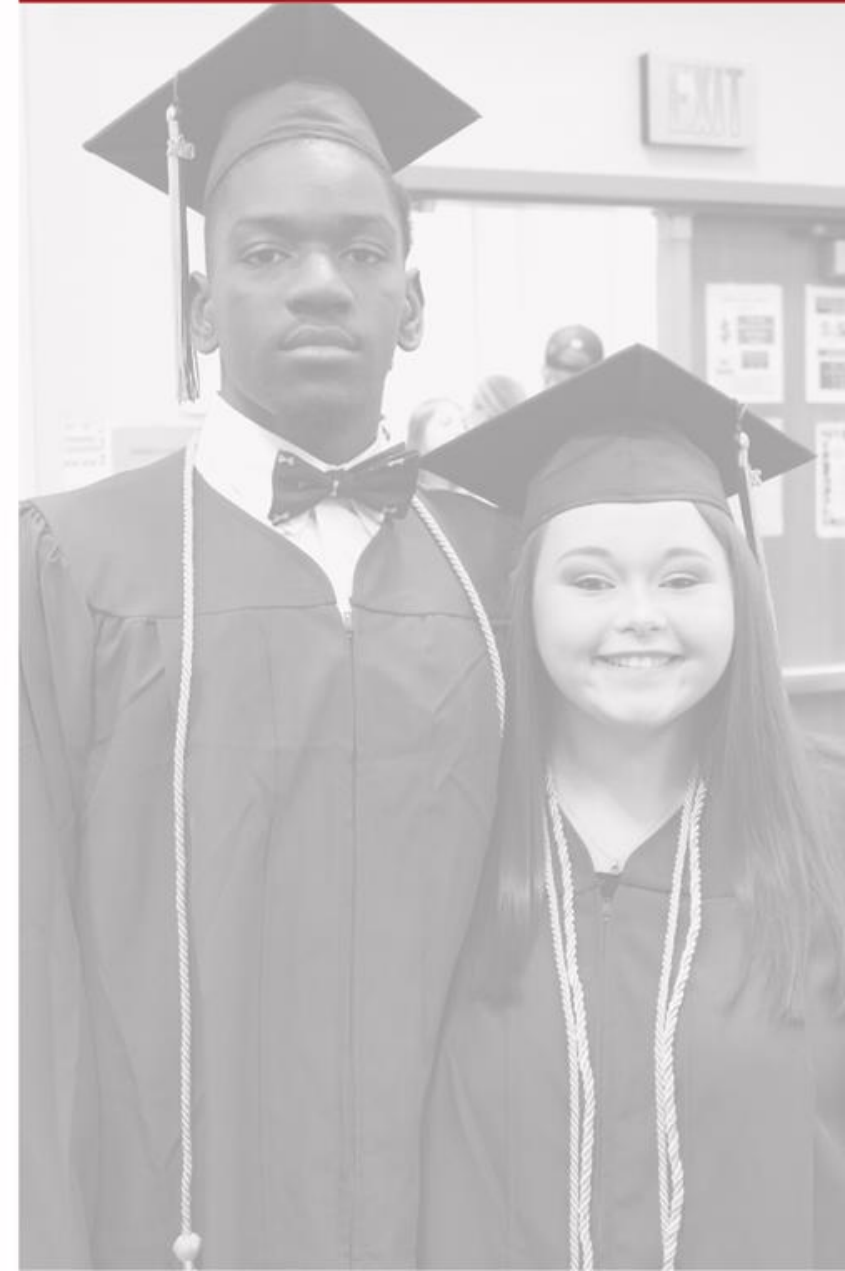


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NEW DEFINITIONS

- **Fully vaccinated:** a person who has completed their primary vaccine series (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of Janssen vaccine), including an additional dose if immunocompromised, with at least two weeks since their last dose.
- **Maximally vaccinated (up-to-date):** a person who has completed their primary vaccine series, including an additional dose if immunocompromised, and has had a booster shot if eligible.

PFIZER (DHEC RECOMMENDED)

	1 dose	2 doses + 2 weeks	Booster shot (Pfizer or Moderna)
Ages 5 – 11 years	Not fully vaccinated	Fully & maximally vaccinated	Not recommended
12 years and older	Not fully vaccinated	Fully vaccinated	Maximally vaccinated

JANSSEN/JOHNSON & JOHNSON

Received...	1 dose + 2 weeks	Booster shot (Pfizer or Moderna)
Ages 5 – 17 years	Not recommended	Not recommended
18 years and older	Fully vaccinated	Maximally vaccinated

MODERNA (DHEC RECOMMENDED)

Received...	1 dose	2 doses + 2 weeks	Booster shot (Pfizer or Moderna)
Ages 5 – 17 years	Not recommended	Not recommended	Not recommended
18 years and older	Not fully vaccinated	Fully vaccinated	Maximally vaccinated

WHEN CLOSE CONTACTS ARE IDENTIFIED

	MAXIMALLY VACCINATED	INFECTED IN THE LAST 90 DAYS	NOT UP-TO-DATE ON VACCINES
QUARANTINE	Not required unless symptoms develop	Not required unless symptoms develop	Quarantine for 5 days
SYMPTOMS	Watch for symptoms up to 10 days after exposure. Isolate & test if symptoms develop.		
TESTING	Recommended to be tested at least 5 days after exposure, even without symptoms	Not recommended unless symptoms develop	Recommended to be tested at least 5 days after exposure, even without symptoms
MASKING	Wear a mask until 10 days after exposure, even with negative test	Wear a mask until 10 days after exposure	Masks recommended while indoors

Individuals may voluntarily choose to provide documentation of their vaccination status to eliminate the need for quarantine. 10-day quarantine is still an option for close contacts. This option is only recommended for temporary use in times of substantial or high COVID transmission in the school.

The table on [pages 17 and 18 of DHEC's School Guidance Booklet](#) outlines the necessary outcome for all scenarios involving COVID-19.

STAFF QUARANTINES

- To limit the chances of COVID-19 spread in the school, **staff who are not maximally vaccinated or previously infected within the past 90 days and are a close contact to a case must quarantine at home and not return to work until they meet the criteria in the table on pgs. 17 & 18 for release from quarantine.**
- School nurses are an exception to this rule as healthcare providers and may follow CDC guidance for healthcare workers for isolation and quarantine. A school should consult with DHEC before an infected school nurse is potentially allowed to work without isolation due to a crisis staffing scenario.
- If a staff member is exposed to COVID-19 prior to receiving a booster vaccine, the staff member must complete quarantine.
- During crisis staffing conditions (when a school is unable to maintain operations due to staffing shortages and would need to otherwise close), unvaccinated staff may be allowed to work during quarantine, if they are asymptomatic AND test negative on day 5 AND wear a well-fitting mask through day 10.

SYMPTOMATIC

Person can return to school when:

- It has been at least 5 days since the first day of symptoms; AND
- It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are significantly improving.

Recommended to get tested 5 days after exposure.
They must wear a mask at school through Day 10 after exposure

ASYMPTOMATIC

Person can return to school after completing 5 days of quarantine if they remain asymptomatic.

- The 5 days of quarantine begin after the last known close contact with the COVID-19 positive individual.
- A mask must be worn through Day 10.
- Recommended to get tested 5 days after exposure

Alternatively, a school may offer other options for quarantine:

- o The person may return after completing a 10-

day quarantine if they had no symptoms of COVID-19 during daily at-home monitoring, or

- o Test-to-stay option

AT-HOME TESTING GUIDELINES

	At-home test Positive	At-home test Negative
<i>Symptomatic without Close Contact</i>	Isolate Contact HCP if needed	Excluded per school/childcare exclusion criteria Contact HCP & consider PCR test
<i>Symptomatic with Close Contact</i>	Isolate Contact HCP if needed	Contact HCP & consider PCR test Quarantine per guidance, unless repeat testing is positive, at which point isolation would be required
<i>Asymptomatic without Close Contact</i>	Isolate Contact HCP & consider follow-up test	Can attend school/childcare
<i>Asymptomatic with Close Contact</i>	Isolate Contact HCP if needed	Quarantine per guidance (eligible for early release after 5 days if test performed on day 4 or later)

GOING VIRTUAL

Consideration for a school or grade level temporarily going to virtual learning:

There is currently no data to provide an evidence base for a decision to go to virtual learning at a specific threshold of school cases. However, recognizing school leadership could potentially benefit from expert recommendations, DHEC medical epidemiologists have developed potential thresholds for consideration, based on their professional judgement.

Consideration may be given by a school leader/school board for a school (or grade level) to temporarily go virtual in the following scenarios: PG. 9

- **School is unable to maintain operations with current staffing as determined by the school leader/school board**
- **30% or higher rate of absenteeism in the school or grade level due to COVID-19 (including students in isolation and in quarantine)**
- **5–10% or higher of the student body is in isolation simultaneously after testing positive (or being assumed positive based on symptoms when not tested), or**
- **When discussed with and recommended by local medical and public health professionals based on the local healthcare system's capacity.**

If a school (or grade level) temporarily goes to virtual learning for one of the above scenarios, it is recommended that they remain virtual for 5 to 10 days then re-evaluate the situation.

WEATHER CLOSURES vs. COVID CLOSURES

WEATHER	COVID
eLearning	Virtual
Submitted Application	Submitted Plan
Received Email with Approval from SCDE	Institute responded if there were any questions
Must be approved for eLearning to be the make-up day for weather closure	Number and/or percentage of cases determine closure after speaking with DHEC
<u>Application due February 4th, 2022</u>	Once COVID is under control – closure may not be an option
Once approved- it continues from year to year	

WHO IS APPROVED?

Brashier Middle College
 Clear Dot Charter School
 Coastal Leadership Academy
 Gray Collegiate Academy
 Horse Creek Academy
 Lowcountry Leadership
 Oceanside Collegiate Academy
 Royal Live Oaks Academy
 Thornwell Charter School

Student or staff member(s) test positive for COVID-19

Contact tracing is conducted at school
View guidelines for contact tracing [here](#).

Those who need to isolate or quarantine based on the guidance above are notified

Track the 9 points of data requested by DHEC and report to the Institute [using this form](#) each Friday.

Does this trigger an operational change for a group of students, class, grade level, or cohort?

Yes

No

Does this trigger an operational change for the entire school?

No

Yes

Report the shift in operational status to the Institute through email or phone.

Report the closure to SCDE [using this form](#).

Report positive COVID Case(s) to the Institute [using this form](#).

Report operational change to Ashley Epperson
aeperson@erskinecharters.org
(803) 995-0527

Have any teachers moved to dual modality?

No

Yes

Report teachers on dual modality to the Institute [using this form](#).

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<https://erskinecharters.org/covid-19/>

https://erskinecharters.formstack.com/forms/charter_institute_at_erskine_covid19_reporting_process

https://erskinecharters.formstack.com/forms/dhec_9_point_data_collection

RESOURCES

- Institute COVID Page: <https://erskinecharters.org/covid-19/>
- Institute COVID Reporting: https://erskinecharters.formstack.com/forms/charter_institute_at_erskine_covid19_reporting_process
- DHEC Reporting: https://erskinecharters.formstack.com/forms/dhec_9_point_data_collection
- Updated K-12 Guidance: <https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/2021.2022-School-Guidance-Booklet-1.15.2.pdf>
- Institute Weather Closures/Dismissals/Delays Reporting: https://erskinecharters.formstack.com/forms/institute_closures_and_makeup_2021

QUESTIONS & LEADER ROUNDTABLE



Mike Sinclair – Brashier Middle College



Julianne Lang – Lowcountry Leadership Charter School