

# COVID-19 UPDATE

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# COVID – 19 Update

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- ▶ 18 Under Case data/School Data
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## Dare County COVID-19 Cases

# COVID-19 Numbers Dashboard

## 2062 Total COVID-19 Positive Cases in Dare County

### Gender of Positive Cases:

**993** Male **1069** Female

### Age Range of Positive Cases:

**244** 17 & under **276** 18-24 **793** 25-49 **484** 50-64 **265** 65 & over

### County Residents

**1364** Positive Cases

**1068** Recovered/Asymptomatically cleared  
**6** COVID-19 deaths  
**1** Death from other causes (NON-COVID)  
**289** Active positive cases:  
    **12** Hospitalization  
    **277** Home isolation  
    **0** Isolation outside of Dare County

### Non-Residents

**698** Positive Cases

**514** Recovered/Asymptomatically cleared  
**0** Isolation in Dare County  
**184** Transferred isolation to home county  
**0** Hospitalization

This Dashboard will be updated upon notification of a new positive COVID-19 test result in Dare County. Additional information on new cases is provided on Tuesday & Friday updates.  
Last updated on January 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.



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# 18 and Younger Case Counts

POSITIVES <b>18</b> AND YOUNGER	
<b>TOTAL</b>	373
<b>RESIDENTS</b>	287
PERCENT RESIDENTS	77%
<b>FEMALES</b>	190
PERCENT FEMALE	51%
<b>MALES</b>	183
PERCENT MALE	49%

RESIDENTS ONLY	
NUMBER 18 & UNDER	<b>287</b>
PERCENT OF DARE RESIDENT POSITIVES	<b>21%</b>
Data as of 1/10/2021 ( resident positives)	



# 18 and Younger Dare County COVID Cases

Age	# of Cases
18	71
17	40
16	21
15	24
14	25
13	20
12	18
11	11
10	17
9	15
8	17
7	18
6	14
5	10
4	14
3	10
2	6
1 and under	22

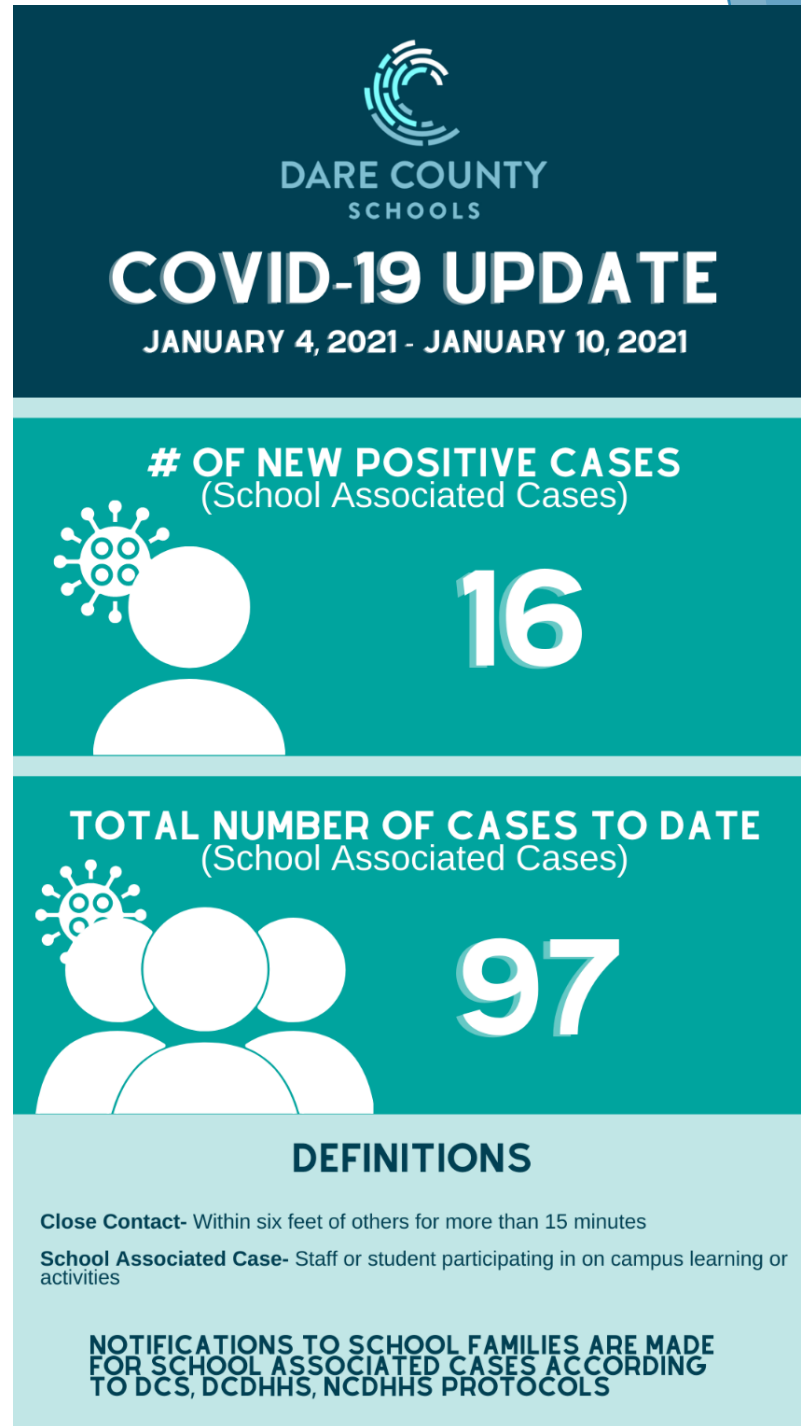


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# Dare County School Associated Cases/Data



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# Health Department Case Response

- ▶ **Positive Cases are Required to Isolate**
  - ▶ Symptomatic - minimum of 10 days from symptom onset
  - ▶ Asymptomatic – 10 days from date of testing
- ▶ **Direct Contacts Notified by phone call from the school and a follow up email with from the Health Director regarding testing and quarantine details**



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# Quarantine

- ▶ The CDC and NC DHHS quarantine guidance requires anyone who is determined to have been 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or greater, cumulative in a 24 hour period, of a laboratory confirmed case during their contagion period, to be quarantined. The guidance is clear, we do not interpret the guidance, we simply follow the guidance. The number of individuals quarantined is directly related to ability of ensuring social distancing.
- ▶ The NC Public Schools have been provided with a Strong Schools NC Toolkit which is very specific about the schools' requirements and recommendations during COVID. This was last updated December 4th to reflect the NC DHHS changes in quarantine guidance.



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# Current CDC and NC DHHS Quarantine Requirements

## ► **Standard Quarantine Period**

14 days have passed since the last date of exposure to COVID-19  
AND

No symptoms have developed during this time period

## ► **Alternative Option 1**

10 days have passed since the last date of exposure to COVID-19  
AND

No symptoms have developed during this time period

## ► **Alternative Option 2**

7 days have passed since the last date of exposure to COVID-19  
AND

No symptoms have developed during this time period **AND** the contact has a negative PCR or antigen-based test collected at least 5 days after the last date of exposure to COVID-19



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# Quarantine (continued)

- ▶ While the recommended quarantine period continues to be 14 days since the last date of exposure to COVID-19, current data demonstrate that only 2 percent of exposed persons develop illness after more than 10 days of the last exposure to COVID-19. This means that the quarantine period can be shortened with only a small increased risk of transmission. If quarantine is discontinued before day 14, the individual must continue to monitor for symptoms and strictly adhere to all prevention measures (e.g., mask wearing, social distancing, etc.) until 14 days after the last date of exposure.
- ▶ Masks do not exempt the general public from quarantine requirements; only exception of for healthcare providers



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# Quarantine (continued)

- ▶ When a DCS student or staff member has been in a school building or with a school-related athletic team or event, during their contagion period, we notify the Superintendent or his designee at Central Office. DC DHHS administration, together with DCS Central Office and school specific administration, collaborate to produce a list of students and staff members who should be identified as direct contacts. It is then our responsibility to issue the quarantine guidance based on the information we have received.
- ▶ The key to not having large numbers of individuals quarantined when there is a school associated case is the ability to ensure appropriate social distancing.



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# COVID-19 Vaccine

- ▶ DCS Staff fall under the NC DHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization Plan under Phase 1b, Groups 2 and 3
  - ▶ Phase 1b, Group 2 all school staff over age 50
  - ▶ Phase 1b, Group 3 all school staff aged 50 and under



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# Key Considerations

- ▶ Health of the Community effects the Health of Schools
  - ▶ Staff and students continue to be quarantined because of non-school associated encounters yet school is impacted
- ▶ Given the current status of pandemic in Dare – School nurses will not be available to schools every day – they are critical to our vaccine and pandemic response
- ▶ Ensuring Systematic Social/Physical Distancing
  - ▶ 6ft or less, 15 minutes or greater
- ▶ Masks – cover nose and mouth
- ▶ Hand hygiene/hand sanitizer



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# Questions?

[www.darenc.com/covid19](http://www.darenc.com/covid19)

COVID-19 Call Center  
(252)475-5008  
Monday – Friday  
8:30 am – 5:00 pm



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