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PLEXIGLASS USE IN SCHOOLS

Consistent with its existing policy, DHEC is providing further information regarding use of plexiglass barriers between students. As noted in the *COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions for School Officials* from August 14, 2020, appropriate plexiglass use, combined with other measures, allows for shorter distances for social distancing.

In scenarios in which students are seated closer apart than six feet, the students would not be considered close contacts when:

1. appropriate plexiglass is utilized, and
2. distance between students is at least three feet apart, and
3. the students are wearing cloth face coverings or face masks that cover the nose and mouth (the plexiglass does not serve as a substitute to mask-wearing).

Plexiglass is considered appropriately sized and utilized if it surrounds three sides (the front and two sides) of the edges of the student's desk and extends at least a foot above each child's head when seated at the desk and at least a foot beyond the end of the desk on either side. There may be acceptable other configurations, as determined on an individual basis by DHEC.