



District #61 Statement

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District administration was made aware that a family at the Eisenhower High School Graduation tested positive for COVID. In the interest of privacy, DPS will not confirm further details about the individuals who are impacted.

The district followed the Macon County Health Department's Guidance for 'Seated Spectator Events.' Specifically, high schools followed safety precautions listed below:

- Each graduate was allotted three guest tickets to attend the graduation ceremony
- Masks were required to be worn at all times during graduation by staff, graduates and visitors with the following exceptions:
 - Graduation speakers should wear masks to the podium. Speakers may remove masks while speaking if 6ft or further away from others. Speaker must replace the mask before leaving the podium.
 - Graduates were allowed to remove masks for a brief photo opportunity.
- Signage at entrance to graduation venue was posted stating please do not enter if you have any Covid-19 symptoms
- Staff and graduating students had temperatures taken and were screened for symptoms upon entry to the pre-graduation area.
- Seating was labeled 6ft apart in spectator areas; families can sit together
- Graduates will remain socially distanced upon entrance and exit of graduation.
- To prevent social distancing from being compromised, spectators were asked to adhere to dismissal instructions at the conclusion of the ceremony

We are coordinating our efforts with the Macon County Health Department to prevent further spread within our school and community and contact tracing protocols have been enacted. If anyone has any concerns regarding the health of your family that attended graduation, per IDPH guidelines, you are welcome to get tested. Please continue to communicate any positive cases to us, so we can contact trace if needed.