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Overview

RULE: [64DER21-15](#) Protocols for Controlling COVID-19 in School Settings

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE:

Because of an increase in COVID-19 infections, largely due to the spread of the COVID-19 delta variant, prior to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, it is imperative that state health and education authorities continue to provide emergency guidance to school districts concerning the governance of COVID-19 protocols in schools. In August 2021, all public schools in Florida

REASON FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES:

This emergency rule is necessary in light of the unnecessary exclusion of healthy students from in-person learning and the urgent need to provide updated COVID-19 guidance to school districts. Given the evolving nature of this novel disease and the potential for adverse impacts on school children resulting from the unnecessary exclusion of healthy children from in-person

SUMMARY: Emergency rule 64DER21-15 sets forth the procedures for controlling COVID-19 in school settings. Emergency rule 64DER21-15 repeals and replaces Emergency rule 64DER21-12 that was adopted on August 6, 2021.

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