

This document includes all feedback provided through the October Feedback survey and emails submitted to the Superintendent. Items are written exactly as they were submitted and have been categorized based on topic.

What feedback regarding COVID-19 do you have for Mansfield ISD leadership?

Data

- I believe our numbers are low enough to keep our schools open.
- Methodist Mansfield's rate of positive cases has risen within the past 2 weeks consistent with Dr. Taneja's report from the Tarrant county public health office,
- What data is the district waiting on?
- Please do not let the vocal minority of parents persuade our efforts to keep everyone safe. A small percentage of the parents in the community disagree with quarantining students when they are exposed to someone who has COVID. There is a silent majority of parents who would disagree with this profusely. Our educators have been placed through a lot of stress this year. The added stress of having a students who has been exposed to a COVID positive person should not be an added stress to them from the district. It should always feel to them that the district is doing everything in their effort to keep them safe. Remember that educators have died from this virus nationally.

Some schools in the district have well over 50% of students going virtual. You never hear from those parents. This means that a large number of parents are perfectly fine with keeping their kids safe at home. They do not want to be around exposed people. This standard should be the same for everyone. It would be completely irresponsible to allow exposed students to return to school before the 14 days are finished. They are being educated remotely now. It's not perfect, but it's better than in the past.

- The dashboard is very helpful with the changes made.
- It appears we are controlling the spread of the virus with the mitigating safeguards in place.
- Thank you for updating the tracker daily. The increased cases within Mansfield ISD is alarming and I am in full support of the recommendation from Tarrant County Public Health Director, Dr. Vinny Taneja. At what point are they considered recovered?
- Thank you for updating the tracker daily. The increased cases within Mansfield ISD is continuously alarming. My family and my group of parents of 100 MISD parents are in full support of the recommendation from Tarrant County Public Health Director, Vinny Taneja. Also, at what point, what is the guiding factor, that determines when a student or staff member is considered recovered?
- The Mansfield ISD Covid-19 dashboard has been extremely beneficial for campus staff.
- It is more important to look at morbidity than strictly numbers. Morbidity is a greater indicator of disease process. Numbers don't mean much unless we're talking about disease process. Per the Tarrant county graphic, people 0 to 24 years of age are not affected in terms of morbidity. That is our total school age population. The focus needs to be on doing everything we can to keep school open with the least interruption to each individual student's education. Dr Mazade (head of infectious disease at Cook Children's) said the incidence of child maltreatment (during school closures and into the first half of the summer) had reached Epidemic proportions. That is a greater concern by far that the risk of a child contracting covid. Schools need to remain open

not only for the educational importance but for the overall health, safety, and well-being of children.

Class Size Concerns

- Concern about class sizes as students are moving from VA to IP.

Remote Learning

- The perception of what TEAMS instruction looks like for remote learners by campus administration and the reality of what it looks like from a student's perspective are very different. Based off feedback from a parent/student, it appears teachers at the middle and high school level may not have clear understanding of what "Meet on TEAMS for remote learners" actually looks like. Also, parents are told to just "contact your child's teacher" when sent home, putting the responsibility on the customer rather than the employees

Safety Protocols

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- Parents want the Contact Trace Policy Changed to follow TEA and allow masks as mitigation. Parents also want the Virtual Positives noted on Dashboard. Parents want to know how many kids are being sent home due to our Contact Trace policy and the number so which become sick with symptoms or tested positive. They want hard numbers not percentages with the comment attached about how it "could be higher" Parents want Facts! While I have said Parents in all these questions. I have been contacted by teachers and campus admin wanting this change as well. Sadly they feel they are unable to express their opinions. Either they feel they are not being heard when they do or there will be backlash if it doesn't follow what District Admins want to hear.

One more..... of the students who are quarantined and do become positive or sick with symptoms do you ask them if they had any contact with the positive student outside of school?? My money is on they have and that the kids are not spreading it in school it is outside of school that it is happening.

Task Force Meetings

- N/A - great job navigating such difficult decisions. It's impossible to please everyone, but I truly feel like decisions are made in the best interest for students, staff, and families.
- We need to be able to speak as a group at the meetings. I know what those members at my table think at this point, I'd like to hear from the other tables.
- Why would MISD cancel the task force meeting while covid is still an issue and right when you have several weeks of data collected? Who made that decision?

What suggestions or recommendations regarding COVID-19 would you have for Mansfield ISD leadership?

Data

- Slowing the rate of spread should be a priority in order to ensure that hospitals can safely and appropriately manage the surge of patients.
- Please add the percentages on the "Cumulative Data of COVID-19 Positive Cases" line on the covid dashboard.
- Is MISD recording cases for virtual students who never come to campus? If so, please add a line for those on the dashboard.
- Please add a "campus" percentage on the dashboard since that would be the number TCHD would be looking at.
- Can you add hospitalizations to the tracker? If we get to that point, will you add a column for deaths like Arlington ISD does? Can we get a tracker for quarantined students and staff for each school?
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Remote Learning Support

- The ability to pilot stacked classes so students can remain with the same teacher that they have built a relationship with, fidelity with in person and virtual instructions, in person classes are smaller, and teacher will not have to constantly change sitting charts for contact tracing.
- I recommend that principals take a moment to log into the teams classes unannounced where quarantined students are participating to get a glimpse of what is working and what is not working from the view point of a remote learner.

Principals could also meet with a few students upon their return to campus and ask for specific feedback of what was working well and also how could we do this better. Students of all ages can give us valuable insight.

Also, it could be helpful to have a handout to give parents when they are asked to pick up their student of what happens next. The information they are given in the feedback I have received is only about the return dates from the nurse and health information. Clear expectations regarding attendance, accessing assignments and overall daily requirements for students is vague according to the parent who just wanted to make sure she knew what to tell her child and a simple flyer of steps could be helpful and prevent frustration for families.

The view point that we want each campus to be able to manage the situation and not have a district protocol for this is causing inconsistency and unequal access to instruction because some leadership is stronger than others. It makes sense to create some expectations in print, share with a few quarantining families for feedback and adjustments made based off feedback and then publish this. Parents could access this on the website to make it easier for those struggling and help prevent us losing them as students.

Safety Protocols

- Misd should follow other districts who are not sending home healthy masked kids...Aledo, Justin, Granbury, Frisco etc etc
- I think the quarantine rules should change for students.
- My suggestion is to be overly transparent and CHANGE to TEA contact trace. Put the students first!! They are the least susceptible group to become seriously ill or death. The district was very good in offering a choice. If you are too worried or scared of the virus then move to virtual. Finally, actually get off the fence and decide what is best for our district and community. I am so tired of comparing us although there are districts out there following TEA that MISD doesn't seem to want to look at. Trying to play both sides is exhausting. Let us know so if we want to pull kids from the district or stay Parents have the info to make that decision. If you think these kids are getting sick at school then you are not out in the real world. It is not being spread at school. Cases are going up because people are tired of our 15 day that has turned into months of flatten the curve. It is a virus that everyone is going to get sooner or later. We need to look at the hospitalization numbers and deaths not the case numbers.
- Keep schools open with current safeguards
- Consider lessening the period of quarantine for students who have been wearing masks in school. If the exposure was due to another student, the likelihood of other students exposed in the school setting becoming ill or testing positive (as our numbers have indicated) is extremely rare. They are more likely to get exposed outside of school by a family member. In those situations, a 14 day quarantine is recommended. But being exposed in the school setting by another student should not warrant a 14 day quarantine. One specific population of students to consider are sped students. The least disruption in the educational process for all students is most beneficial. One other thing to consider in terms of quarantining high school students who are home alone: older children are experiencing nonengagement leading to high risk social situations including drugs, alcohol, sex, teenage pregnancy. The more we are able to keep children in school, who so choose, the better it is for them in all areas.

Task Force Meetings

- Please do not cancel anymore meetings in the future. That is not a good lok for the district. Even if there is little to discuss and the meeting ends early, the perception should always be that the district cares about the safety protocols and is discussing and refining them on a regular basis.

Calendar

- Taking a look at the calendar to consider optional calendar as numbers of cases are increasing.

Attendance Policies/Self-Quarantine Option

- I really believe we need to reconsider changing the attendance policy for the 3rd six weeks. As a family, we watch the data closely and if there are/were too many positive cases near my children, we have brought them home. Once the cases seemed to go back down at the school, we let them return.

I really believe parents should have that option. In addition, when they are there, they are basically still learning virtually, because they have to log onto TEAMS while in class.

Giving parents this option helps us make the best decisions for our children based on the data and information we have.

Our children like being in school and we like them being there. But please consider giving the option to come home and work remotely, a self-quarantine option, is what I believe someone in the meeting mentioned. This would only be if data supports it.

What questions regarding COVID-19 do you have for district leadership?

Quarantine Data & Protocols

- Are there options for 14-day quarantine to be voluntary? Parents can choose it without penalty, but can also choose to allow student to go to school.
- How many healthy students that have been sent home for 14 days have had a positive covid test during that 14 days?
- Can we see the data tonight for how many students developed COVID while quarantined?
- How many students and staff have been quarantined? Active and Total?
- How many of those quarantined ended up testing positive?
- How many have been quarantined by school type? Elem, Int, Mid, HS?
- What is the average number of students quarantined per positive case by each school type? Are virtual student positive cases figured in that number?
- What were TCHD/MISD's standards for closing schools due to illness prior to this year?
- Given that many people don't wear masks correctly and many elementary-aged students aren't required to wear masks and we haven't seen any greater number of outbreaks - why are masks required? Once the state mandate expires, will MISD require masks? If so, why given the above?
- What guidance is TCHD giving MISD as to keeping kids in school (other than wanting them to close).
- Is MISD asking quarantined students/teachers about their activities while on quarantine? For example, how many continued to go to work, play sports, travel, go to see friends, out to eat, etc.? If not, please consider it, maybe anonymously as many are doing these activities and since that's the case for many, how is not going to school helping to prevent the spread of covid?
- If businesses, doctors offices, daycares, clubs, etc. don't have these strict contact tracing rules, why do schools?
- If MISD is going to keep the current quarantine policy for now -- what needs to happen so it will be changed? What is the benchmark, what are the goal numbers?
- Has MISD compared case counts between those school districts following TCHD vs TEA quarantine policies? What were the findings?
- Tell us what your data points are! We deserve to know. Tarrant County is 2.1 million why are we a small part in that number being held to that standard. We should be making decisions based on Mansfield numbers!!! Why isn't there a plan to allow athletes when in season do remote learning if you will not change the contact trace policy. My athlete is in all AP hard courses and is a Senior on the Varsity Baseball team. I can not choose virtual for him. He has bad luck sits next to a positive student then sent home for 2 weeks in season that is 4 district baseball games and many days of practice. So much has been taken away from these kids why are we not trying to come up with ways to keep them engaged in school and their activities. My son lost a varsity season of baseball last year. Now it is November and he is stressing out on Spring and if he gets sent home because of contact trace policy. If you are not going to change the policy. Say it and stand by it. But then maybe allow the athletes or other extracurricular at least have the option to go remote during season. Some if in small classes and can spread out will stay in school but others may want to make sure they don't lose that last season. Which for many kids will be the last time they play the sport.
- Is MISD considering changing the quarantine criteria based off our data from exposed students? Are the ones being asked to quarantine getting sick?
- Is Mansfield ISD going to follow the recommendation of the most proactive and safest approaches set forth by Tarrant County Public Health officials?

- Is Mansfield ISD going to continue the quarantine process to aide in mitigating the spread within the schools and the community?
- Will Mansfield ISD ever consider following the recommendations of the most proactive and safest approaches set forth by Tarrant County Public Health officials?
- Will Mansfield ISD continue the quarantine process to aide in mitigating the spread within our schools and community?
- Would you consider consulting with specialists at Cook Children's like Dr. Mazade (infectious disease) and Dr. Lisa Elliot (psychologist) to better understand impacts on our student population.

Virtual & In-Person Options

- If numbers continue to rise- will MISD consider going virtual only after Thanksgiving break? If students are absent from in-person learning starting on Nov 4th- will we sue our previous absence policy (they make it up after they come back)?
- Will we continue virtual learning throughout the year? Have we as a district communicated virtual learning plans to parents and staff for second semester?
- A local nearby school district is requiring virtual student sot return to in-person learning. This is not good in my opinion. Do you ever envision a scenario in which Mansfield ISD would do the same? If so, what would the criteria have to be for this to occur?

What concerns regarding COVID-19 do you have that you'd like to share with district leadership?

Calendar

A concern that I have is with numbers continuing to climb are we considering altering the calendar for Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks as students and staff will be with family members.

School Closures & Tarrant County Public Health Department

- Festivals are being held by Mansfield city. Youth games are being played every weekend on school properties and Packed churches are meeting at local schoolswhy can't we keep healthy masked kids in these public schools?
- My concern is that Tarrant County health is suggesting we go back to all virtual to prevent spread. I hope that isn't a consideration for MISD right now especially because we do not have that many cases district wide
- What would be a scenario in which an entire school or the district itself shuts down due to COVID? Will the district follow the recommendations of Tarrant County Health officials if that is their recommendation to go all virtual?
- Mr. Wright keeps responding to parents emails that MISD is trying to keep TCHD from shutting down schools. According to the dshs.texas.gov website the infection source is much more likely to be 'off campus'. Knowing that, why would TCHD want to close schools? Has MISD asked TCHD this question? If not, why not?
- Covid cases will continue to increase as more people go about their lives. But, the deathrate continues to drop. The population of Tarrant County is 2,139,860.
The covid deaths for TC the last 6 weeks are as follows:
Week ending 9/12 -14
Week ending 9/19 -11
Week ending 9/26 - 17
Week ending 10/3 - 14
Week ending 10/8 -8
Week ending 10/17 -5
Those are extremely low! Why exactly is worrisome to MISD or TCHD? Especially considering that TC has had ZERO deaths for those who are school aged.
- Per Dr. Taneja's latest recommendation - has MISD Started preparing for all virtual learning in the near future?

Quarantine

- Schools/businesses were originally closed to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed. What is the goal of quarantining and closing schools now? How do we know if we're meeting the goal?
- I have no way of proving or disproving that my child was in contact with a positive. I have had several parents contact me that 1) seating chart was incorrect 2) they were not notified for several days that they had been in contact with a positive person. How often are campus admins checking on classrooms and making sure that desks are spread out if there is room to allow. Making sure in classes that have less enrollment are spreading the students out.
- Lastly, we are being told continuously, day in day out 24/7 that masks work. If this is the case then why in the world are we sending masked healthy kids home. If both students are masked let them stay in school.

Remote Instruction

- I am most concerned with the face to face teachers not being provided with training on how to include the remote learners into their class while still teaching the face to face. There are not even checklists provided such as acknowledging the remote learner is there (secondary levels), do and don't lists, ensuring the student can hear the teacher. This could be something that would support our learners that we are sending back home.

Task Force Meetings

- Why have you not offered a LIVE Virtual Option for these meetings? Today the city of Mansfield has 225 active cases, which is a significant increase from 173 cases 6 days ago. This breaks down to 160 cases cumulative on 10/13 within MISD and today 10/19, 185 cumulative cases.
- Why have you not offered a LIVE, virtual, interactive, collaborative option for these meetings? Today the City of Mansfield has 225 active cases, which is a significant increase from 6 days ago on 10/13 when we had 173 active cases. MISD today has 185 cumulative cases cases 6 days ago we had 160 active cases.
- None. Thank you for this task force and for all you are doing!