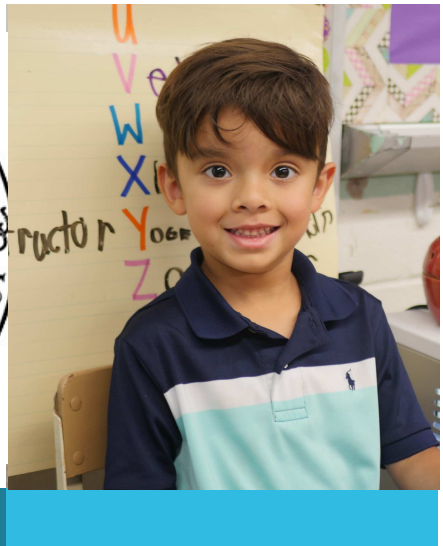


Friendswood ISD COVID PROTOCOLS 2020-2021

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Instructional Options

Students in Friendswood ISD will attend the 2020 - 2021 school year in one of two models of instruction:

Virtual Model of Instruction



[PK-5 Virtual Model](#)

[6-12 Virtual Model](#)

- Models will consist of a blend of synchronous and asynchronous opportunities. (specifics within links above)
- Connection times/office hours will be provided for relationship building, interventions, and personalization.
- Consistent platforms utilized teacher to teacher, with Canvas as the intermediate and secondary platform and Seesaw as the elementary platform.
- Attendance requirements will apply for all scheduled virtual instructional and connection opportunities.
- Grading policies will closely align with the policies for face to face instruction. GPA will be calculated for virtual students at the secondary level in the same manner as those who are in person at FHS.
- The parent will take on the role of a “learning coach”. The commitment of the learning coach will vary based on the age and needs of each student.
- Virtual students will have to be able to access a computer and internet at home.
- All virtual students will be permitted to participate in person in UIL activities and specific elective activities (i.e FFA). All eligibility requirements will apply. These students will be required to provide their own transportation and will have to attend the class period in person at FHS.
- Students will be required to commit to remaining in the virtual model of instruction until the end of the nine weeks or the end of the next grading period if after the first nine weeks.

VIRTUAL ENROLLMENT IS CLOSED

Instructional Options

In-School Instructional Model



Friendswood ISD will hold in-school instruction with the following safety and COVID 19 prevention measures in place. Although there are no strategies to eliminate transmission risk, FISD is committed to keeping the transmission as low as possible to be able to safely continue in-school instruction.

Campus Logistics

Arrival

- Elementary (K-5): Students will arrive and be directed to assigned areas where social distancing can be maximized or directly to the classroom.
- Secondary (6-12): Students will arrive at designated doors and move to assigned areas where social distancing can be maximized.

Transitions

- Students will transition to Music and Art. Physical Education will be held in a gymnasium or outdoors. Efforts will be made to keep individual classes together by dividing multi-group (classes) P.E. into homogenous groups in different areas of weather permitting.
- Secondary (6-12): Transition time will be reduced to decrease the number of students congregating. Hallways will be marked and designated as one way throughout the building. The use of lockers will be eliminated to avoid congregation in hallways.
- Considerations for reducing transitions will be made at each level based on student needs and programs.

Campus Logistics Continued:

Dismissal

- Schools will assign dismissal areas for different groups of students to promote social distancing.
- Dismissal procedures will include staggered dismissal schedules.

Lunch (ARAMARK FOOD SERVICE GUIDE)

- Elementary (K-5): Lunchtimes will be staggered to create smaller groups. Individual classes in the lunchroom will distance from other classes. Classrooms may be utilized for lunch to provide distancing.
- Secondary (6-12): Additional lunch periods may be created to spread out students. Lunch will be served in multiple locations at FHS. At both campuses, students will spread out in open areas and/or classrooms to provide distancing.
- Students will be released from lunch on a staggered schedule.
- The cafeteria will utilize disposable food service items.
- Cafeterias, serving areas, and eating areas will be cleaned between usage.
- All students will be issued cards to provide “no-touch” processing of lunch purchases at the cashier stations.
- All cafeteria staff will be provided PPE and mandated to wear during lunch service. Plexiglass partitions will be installed to separate servers from students.
- No student self-service will be provided.

Playgrounds / Recess

- Classes are encouraged to be outside for recess if the weather allows.
- Classes will remain together during recess and separated from other class groups via staggered schedules or locations for play.
- Classes will wash hands following recess.

Classrooms

- Students will be seated with as much separation as feasible without disrupting the educational experience.

Technology/Student materials

- Technology: Elementary students (K-5) will be assigned a device for the school day and it will be cleaned and kept on campus at the end of the day. Secondary students (6-12) will be assigned a one to one device at the beginning of the school year that will remain in possession of the student for the 2020-2021 school year.

Campus Logistics Continued:

Technology Cont.

- Students are asked to bring and use their own materials. Any educational materials that are required to be shared for effective instruction will be cleaned between uses.

UIL/Non -UIL Activities

- JH and HS Athletics and Extracurricular Activities will be conducted in alignment with UIL guidelines.
- JH and HS Non-UIL activities will follow the same COVID-19 related guidelines as UIL activities.
- Before and after school activities for elementary clubs and groups (i.e. student council, choir, chess club, robotics) will resumed on October 19, 2020 and will continue throughout the remainder of the school year.

Specialized Supports

- The provision of IEP and 504 supports and services will be reviewed on an individual basis through ARD committee meetings and Section 504 meetings with campus staff.
- To reduce the number of visitors on campus and meetings in small conference rooms, all IEP and 504 meetings will be virtual until further notice.
- ESL Services and supports will be provided in the general classroom as it has been provided. During evaluations or one on one supports, PPE will be provided to staff and students where social distancing can not be applied
- Dyslexia and SRP Services and supports will be provided in small pull-out groups with PPE provided to staff and students where social distancing can not be applied.
- GT Services by the GT teacher to students in the general education GT clustered classroom.

Miscellaneous

- Until further notice, there will be no field trips for educational activities.
- Until further notice, there will be no large indoor student assemblies, parent programs, or pep rallies.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

Students and Staff Health Screenings:

- All parents must complete a daily electronic self-screening to include a temperature check submitted to the district prior to coming to school or boarding school transportation. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID 19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or is test-confirmed with COVID 19. Parents should opt to receive virtual instruction until conditions for re-entry are met (as listed in this document).
- All Friendswood ISD employees will be required to complete a daily electronic self-screening prior to reporting to work. This screening will be routed to each employee's supervisor. Teachers and staff must report to his/her supervisor or school nurse if COVID 19 symptoms exist. Teachers and staff must also report if he/she has been in close contact (see definition below) with someone who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.

Policies to Promote Sick Students and Staff to Stay Home:

- All students and staff are required to stay home if unable to affirm that symptoms of COVID are present per screener.
- FISD will make changes to policies for perfect attendance and exemptions to encourage students that are ill to stay home.

Face Coverings:

- Students and staff will be required to wear face coverings inside of all Friendswood ISD facilities where distancing (6 ft.) is not possible to include arrival, dismissal, cafeteria when not eating, common areas, during transitions, and when social distancing is not possible in classrooms. Teachers may give permission to students to remove face coverings if appropriately distanced.
- Face coverings will also be required in outside areas where distancing is not possible.
- Age appropriateness for younger students (PK-2) while in classrooms will be considered as we learn about the feasibility for these younger students. PreK-3rd grade students will be required to wear face coverings or shields while entering and exiting the building and during transitions across the building (coming to and from lunch, recess, PE, etc.). In the classroom, students will not be required to wear their face covering or shields when they are at their table or desk. When students engage in work away from their table or desk, they will be asked to put on their face covering or shield to minimize close and personal contact with peers outside of their table mates or desk neighbors.
- All bus riders will be required to wear a face covering.
- Individual needs for face coverings for students or staff will be addressed on a case by case basis.
- Non-UIL athletic or extracurricular activities: There are activities that are impractical for wearing a mask during the activity. In these cases, students, teachers, staff, and visitors must wear a face covering when entering and exiting facilities and practice areas and when not actively engaging in those activities.
- UIL face-covering guidelines will be governed by UIL guidelines for each activity.
- Any individual coming to campus during the instructional day will be required to wear a face-covering for building access.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

Response to COVID-19 Cases:

The District and each campus has a person designated for responding to COVID-19 concerns. (See contact list on page 13):

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with Covid-19

- Any individuals (students or staff) who themselves either are (a) test confirmed to have COVID 19 or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID 19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the campus nurse screens the individual to determine if any of the below conditions for re-entry have been met:

In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID 19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:

1. At least three days (24 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

2. The individual has an improvement in symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath)

3. At least 10 days have passed since the first symptoms appeared.

- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID 19, such individual is assumed to have COVID 19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria above.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID 19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either
 - (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or
 - (b) receive a confirmation that they are free from COVID via acute infection tests at an approved testing center that comes back negative for COVID-19

Identification and Isolation of Possible COVID-19 Cases on campus:

- Each campus will have an isolation room in proximity to the nurse's office for students displaying symptoms.
- If a student shows signs or symptoms of those consistent with COVID-19 the teacher will contact the nurse's office to have the student assessed. The students will be isolated from other students if the nurse determines symptoms that warrant such action.
- Schools will immediately clean the areas used by the individual displaying symptoms.
- Students who report feeling feverish should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID - 19.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

Response to a Test Confirmed case of COVID-19 Cases on campus:

- The school must notify the local health department.
- The school must close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the test-confirmed case until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected unless more than 7 days have already passed since that person was on campus.
- Consistent with board policy for notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements for the protection of the student or staff member, the school will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a test-confirmed COVID 19 case is identified among students, teachers, or staff who participate in any on-campus activities or ride school transportation.

Tracing and Contact:

Close Contact: This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. The definition of close contact is evolving with our understanding of COVID-19, and individual scenarios should be determined by an appropriate public health agency. In general, close contact is defined as:

- a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
 - b. being within 6 feet for a total of approximately 15 minutes throughout the course of a day ;however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.
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- Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming the test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming the test.
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- Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are test-confirmed with COVID 19, two days prior to the confirmed test.
 - In order to accurately trace a case and to notify those that have had regular and/or close contact the district will keep elementary students together in class groups as much as practical and will keep seating charts at all levels.
 - Each bus will have a seating chart assigning students to a seat to assist with tracing.
 - The campus will make direct contact with students or staff that have been deemed to have close contact with a lab-confirmed positive case of COVID 19. Students and staff will be required to quarantine a minimum of 10 days as required by the district. If a student or staff member is contacted by the local health authority, Galveston County Health District, during contact tracing effort, those staff or students may require a 14 day quarantine if required by the local health district. Students will move to virtual instruction during this period of time.
 - All parents and staff at a campus or on a bus with a test-confirmed positive case will be notified via Skylert.

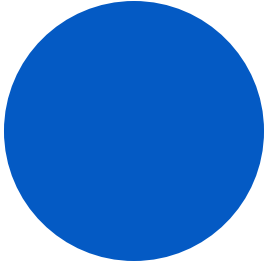
SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

Covid-19 Symptoms:

Symptoms are defined as those symptoms recently experienced that are not normal:

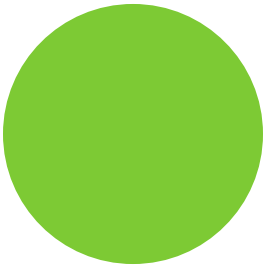
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

District and Campus Response Protocol



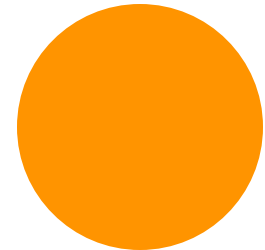
LEVEL 1: BLUE

- No confirmed cases of COVID-19 among staff or students.
- COVID-19 Safety protocols and healthy environments in place.



LEVEL 2: GREEN

- Minimal confirmed cases in a classroom or across a campus.
- Persons who had close and personal contact advised to self-quarantine for 10 days.
- Affected area of the campus closed off for deep cleaning and disinfecting.
- Communications sent out to all stakeholders



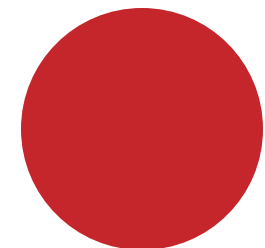
LEVEL 3: ORANGE

Classroom

- A moderate number of confirmed cases in a classroom (over 10%)
- Evidence of community spread within the classroom
- Students and staff move to virtual learning for one to a maximum of five days. (Maximum time allowable per TEA)
- Deep cleaning of classroom space
- Communication to all stakeholders

Campus

- Moderate number of confirmed cases on a campus/facility (over 5%)
- Evidence of community spread within campus/facility
- Students and staff move to virtual learning for one to a maximum of five days. (Maximum time allowable per TEA)
- Deep cleaning of campus/facility
- Activities canceled
- Communication to all stakeholders



LEVEL 4: RED

- Substantial transmission of COVID across multiple campuses.
- Community spread across Fisd confirmed by the Health Department.
- All facilities closed for a maximum period of 5 days. (Maximum time allowed per TEA)
- Students and Staff move to virtual operations.
- Deep cleaning of all facilities.
- All activities canceled.
- Communications to all stakeholders.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

Student and Staff Training:

- Provide training on appropriate hygiene practices and other mitigation practices adopted by the district to all students on the first day of school.
- All staff will be trained and instructed on methods to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 at school, proper health hygiene to include proper handwashing techniques and respiratory etiquette in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control, disease transmission prevention measures, and reporting requirements.
- All students and staff will be trained on appropriate social distancing and the proper use of face coverings.

Visitors/Volunteers/Deliveries

- To limit exposure, informal campus visits will be restricted (including during lunchtime) until further notice.
- Essential meetings will be conducted by appointment or through a virtual format. IEP/ARD meetings and Section 504 meetings will be held virtually.
- In the event of a visitor to campus, they must pass the COVID screener and have his/her temperature checked to access a school campus.
- To ensure the safety of students and staff, no outside food deliveries will be accepted (i.e. food, gifts, door-dash, etc.).
- Until further notice, there will be no class parties that include visitors.
- No parent volunteers will be allowed for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Healthy Environment:

Hand Hygiene:

- Hand sanitizer stations will be at the entrances of each facility. Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom or office space.
- Age-appropriate supervised handwashing and times to do so will be provided in classrooms or pod settings at elementary levels.
- Signage for proper hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing practices will be posted throughout the buildings, in the restrooms, and at the entrances.
- Directional signage to allow for one-way hallway unless in an emergency.

Campus Cleaning and Disinfection Plan:

- Campuses will be cleaned throughout the instructional day. The focus will be on surfaces that are touched in common throughout the day (door handles, etc.)
- Custodial staffing will be realigned to allow for ongoing cleaning of touch surfaces during the instructional day.
- Classrooms will be equipped with cleaning supplies for cleaning and disinfecting throughout the instructional day.
- Cleaning products will be properly stored when not in use.

Healthy Environment cont:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- Staff may require additional accommodations to include the installation of Plexi-glass, sneeze guard, etc.
- All staff members will be provided basic PPE to include gloves and a cloth face covering. Instructional staff will receive a face shield. Others whose job description warrants will also receive a face shield. Staff members may utilize any face covering of his/her choice.
- Students may utilize an appropriate face covering of his/her choice.

Building Areas:

- Outside air vents will be utilized in the campus HVAC system when weather conditions allow.

Transportation:

Routing:

- Buses will run full routes in the district as required by ridership.
- Areas with high ridership will be placed on double runs to reduce total ridership on the bus.
- To reduce ridership and provide buses for multiple routes, daycare routes will be eliminated.
- Walk to stop distances will be increased from .1 of a mile for elementary schools and .25 of a mile for secondary schools to .15 of a mile for elementary schools and .3 of a mile for secondary schools to allow for time for disinfecting buses between each route.

Bus Cleaning and Disinfectant Plan:

- Drivers will sanitize and disinfect buses between each route.
- Transportation staff will disinfect each bus after am/pm routes with disinfecting mister.
- When weather conditions permit, windows will be opened on the bus.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- All transportation staff members will be provided basic PPE to include gloves, cloth face covering, and face shield. Staff members may utilize any face covering of his/her choice or provided face shield.

Hygiene:

- Students should remain at least 6 feet apart from each other at the bus stop.
- Each bus will have a hand sanitizer dispenser mounted by the front entry door. Students will utilize the hand sanitizer station upon entry to the bus.
- Students and staff will wear masks on the bus.

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