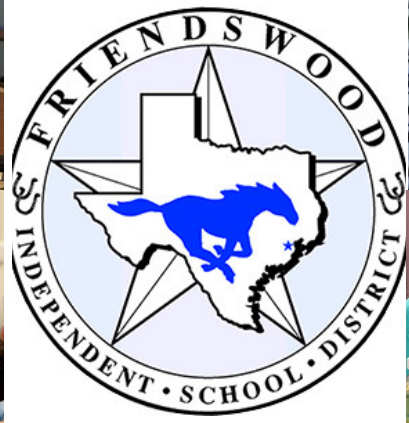


Effective June 1, 2021

Friendswood ISD

COVID PROTOCOLS



Together, We Are Mighty

PREVENT: PRACTICES TO PREVENT THE VIRUS FROM ENTERING SCHOOL

Close contact stay-at-home period for individuals that either self-identify or are identified by the local health authority as being a close contact, specifically the stay-at-home period can be:

- 10 days after the last close contact.
- 7 days after the last close contact with a test-confirmed individual, after receiving a negative test result (administered on the 5th day following the last close contact) so long as they continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms and take appropriate precautions.
- A vaccinated individual does not need to quarantine following close contact exposure to a test-confirmed individual if the exposed individual is fully vaccinated (at least two weeks have passed since receiving the second dose of a two-dose vaccine or the first single-dose vaccine).
- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again.

Tracing and Contact:

Close Contact:

- Being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
- Being within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes; however, additional factors like masking, ventilation, presence of dividers, vaccination status, prior infection, and case symptomatology may affect this determination.
- Teachers, staff, or students are required to self-report a close contact with an infected individual (positive test).
- Individuals who are identified as possible close contacts may be notified and directed to monitor health conditions for symptoms of COVID-19 and to take appropriate precautions.
- Positive cases will be reported to the local health department as required.

Screening Questions for COVID-19 Before Campus Access:

- Employees must self-screen for COVID symptoms before entering district facilities. Employees must report to their supervisor and Department of Human Resources if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are test-confirmed with COVID-19. Additionally, teachers and staff must report if they have had close contact with an individual who is test-confirmed with COVID-19.
- Parents must ensure they do not send their child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms, or is test-confirmed with COVID-19. Additionally, parents will not send their child to school if they are pending results of a COVID-19 test. (FISD will maintain policies for perfect attendance and exemptions to encourage students that are ill to stay home.)
- Excluding parental drop-off and pick up, before visitors are allowed onto the campus they must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms, (as listed in this document).

PREVENT CONTINUED

Individuals Confirmed with COVID-19:

1. Any individual who themselves either: (a) are test confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience symptoms of COVID-19 must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school screens the individual to determine conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
 - A. In the case of an individual who is diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following have been met:
 - I. At least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;
 - II. Individual has improvements in symptoms; and
 - III. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
 - B. If the individual has symptoms of COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above, the individual must obtain a medical professional note clearing the individual with an alternate diagnosis, or get a negative COVID-19 test.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

- **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**

Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus:

- FISD will immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.

RESPOND:

PRACTICES TO RESPOND TO A TEST CONFIRMED CASE IN THE SCHOOL DURING SUMMER MONTHS

- Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, FISD 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 on any on-campus activities. Each student group or activity sponsor will make notifications to the affected individuals for all summer programs.

MITIGATE:

Practices to Mitigate the Likelihood of COVID-19 Spread Inside the School:

Health and Hygiene Practices: General

- Students, teachers, staff will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently
- Campuses will be cleaned throughout the instructional day.

Masks:

- For this document, masks include non-medical and medical grade disposable face masks and cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth)
- Students, Teachers, and Staff will not be required to wear a mask.
- The wearing of a mask is optional and is up to the individual.

Visits to Schools:

- Parents and other adults can visit schools as permitted by local policy. During these visits, parents and other visitors must comply and follow the district's virus prevention and mitigation requirements.

Testing:

- FISD will continue to provide COVID-19 testing to staff as long as the program continues to be funded and supported by TEA and the Texas Department of Emergency Management.

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