



KISD COVID GUIDANCE 2021-22

This guidance document is based upon the TEA SY 20-21 Public Health Guidance (updated January 10, 2022) which is based upon guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the public health situation as we understand it today. This document outlines the procedures that will be followed by KISD students and staff in 2021-22, unless amended.

Students/Parents

- Parents must ensure that they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID symptoms.
- Parents will be electronically notified thru Remind of active COVID cases. Elementary campuses will notify parents of active COVID cases by individual classes. Secondary campuses will notify parents of active COVID cases by campus.
- Facial coverings/masks are encouraged but **not required** at NJH, KHS and GCHS. Students in PK-5 **are required** to wear a mask. Elementary parents who prefer that their child/children **NOT** wear a mask at school must complete the opt-out form provided by the district.
- Students should be seated a minimum of three feet apart from each other.
- **Vaccinated** students or students who tested positive for COVID within 3 months, will not need to be quarantined for close contact (within six feet without facial covering for more than 15 minutes or if another person within your residence has tested positive for COVID) as long as they exhibit no symptoms.
- **Unvaccinated** students **with no** symptoms who have been in close contact with an infected individual (within six feet without facial covering for more than 15 minutes or if another person within your residence has tested positive for COVID) must quarantine for 6 days from last contact date, then may opt to receive a Rapid COVID test on the 7th day of quarantine with the campus nurse and return to school on the 7th day with a negative test.
- **Unvaccinated** students **with no** symptoms who have been in close contact with an infected individual and **who do not opt to receive** a Rapid COVID test must quarantine for 10 days.
- Students with COVID symptoms may request a COVID test and return to class with a negative test result if parents have granted permission. Otherwise, students will be sent home for ten days or until cleared by a medical doctor.
- Students who are test-confirmed to have COVID will be quarantined and cannot return to campus until 10 days and the student is symptom free.

Teachers/staff

- Teachers and staff are required to self-screen for COVID symptoms each day and to report symptoms or positive COVID tests to their administrator.
- Facial coverings/masks are encouraged but not required
- **Vaccinated** staff, and/or staff who tested positive for COVID within 3 months, do not need to be quarantined for close contact (within 3 feet without facial covering for more than 15 minutes or if another person within your residence has tested positive for COVID) as long as they exhibit no symptoms. The staff member will be required wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.
- **Unvaccinated** teachers and staff who meet the close contact threshold with a COVID-19 positive individual may continue to work on campus but must opt to receive rapid testing that will be administered on day 1, day 3 and day 5. As long as the tests are negative, the staff member may continue to work. The staff member will be required to wear a mask while at work for the full 10 days after close contact. **Unvaccinated** teachers and staff **with no** symptoms who have been in close contact with an infected individual and who do not opt to receive a Rapid COVID test must quarantine for 10 days.
- Staff with a **confirmed case of COVID-19** will be required to isolate for 5 days, and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), may return after the 5th day of quarantine if they meet the requirements below based on recent updates from the CDC:
 - If symptomatic, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free*, and other symptoms have improved.
 - For those with no symptoms, at least 5 days after the day they tested positive.
 - Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.

All staff that returns after the 5th day will be required to wear a mask for 5 consecutive days (or up to the 10th day after symptoms began or a positive test for asymptomatic individuals if returning after the 5th day of quarantine) when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter. The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after.

Community

- School gyms and outdoor areas will be open to the public as approved by campus principals or district administrators.

- Campus visitors to other portions of the facilities are limited to parents with a legitimate reason to visit the facility, i.e. meetings regarding their child’s education, picking up sick children, teacher conferences, etc.
- Parents visiting the campus for educational reasons are encouraged to wear a mask.

Other Notes:

At this time, the State of Emergency declared in 2019 by the Governor of Texas has expired. In the case of illness or quarantine, Kaufman ISD faculty and staff will be required to use State and Local days to cover absences.

Contact tracing will be conducted by individual self-reporting. If a parent, student or staff member was possibly in close contact with a COVID infected individual, they should contact the campus nurse and submit a COVID questionnaire/survey.

Disclosure of vaccination status is voluntary. All students/staff will be required to quarantine from close contact unless proof of immunization is voluntarily provided.