

Raider Nation,

We want to reiterate that at YES Prep Northbrook, the health and safety of our students and staff are our top priority. YES Prep Public Schools continues to work with health officials to closely monitor information daily concerning coronavirus (COVID-19) including variants (Delta and Omicron).

As we welcome students we want to reiterate some safety measures to keep our schools as safe as possible upon student's return.

Most importantly:

- If your student is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or have tested positive please do not send them to school.
- We strongly encourage students to wear a mask while they are on campus, to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

PREVENTION & SAFETY MEASURES

COVID-19 Testing

We strongly encourage that, if they have not already, all students get tested for COVID-19 before returning to school on January 5 regardless of vaccination status. Free testing is available through Harris County via the following website: <https://covidcheck.hctx.net/>

- *If your child tests positive for COVID-19, contact your school immediately.*

Students with a positive COVID-19 should contact the school immediately to notify us of their positive test. You can do that by:

- Contacting our Student Support Office: 713-251-2923
- Contacting your Dean of Student:
 - 9th and 11th Grade: Andrea Pollard, Andrea.Pollard@yesprep.org or leaving a voicemail at 713-251-3083
 - 10th and 12th Grade: David Lopez, David.Lopez@yesprep.org or leaving a voicemail at 713-251-3080
- Contact the campus nurse/clinic: 713-251-2825 or 713-251-2874

On Campus Prevention

- If your child has any symptoms or illness, please **do not** send them to school. Instead, please contact the school using the contact information above.
- We strongly recommend that all students wear masks while on campuses, on the bus, and at all district offices and facilities regardless of vaccination status. **Medical-grade or N-95 face masks are strongly**

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recommended. Students could also double mask using surgical mask that we have on campus. Students can pick up mask from the YES Prep office.

- Spring Branch ISD facilities will continue to be cleaned on a regular schedule, giving special attention to high traffic and frequently touched surfaces.
- Other layered prevention measures like washing hands and physical distancing whenever possible are also still in place across our schools and facilities.
- We ask families to please conduct an [at-home health screening](#) each day to ensure that your student, and all YES Prep community members, stay safe and COVID-free.
- Lastly, vaccination is currently the best protection against COVID-19. Health officials encourage everyone 5 years and older to get vaccinated and for those eligible, a booster dose. You can find place to get vaccinated at the following website: [Register for COVID-19 Vaccine | Harris County Public Health \(harriscountytexas.gov\)](#)


ADDITIONAL FAMILY SUPPORTS

- YES Prep plans to maximize health and safety for students, staff, and families while also providing experiences that are necessary for student success for the spring semester.
- YES Prep staff will continue to work with families with extenuating medical circumstances to ensure student success. Families should reach out to their child's school principal.
- YES Prep students will continue to have access to free breakfast and lunch this semester. Students will have the opportunity to eat lunch outside, weather permitting.
- We will continue to work closely with health officials to monitor data, take additional steps as needed, and keep you informed.

We know that COVID-19 continues to be stressful and can be upsetting for students and families. We encourage you to take advantage of the [Student Assistance Form](#) if your student needs additional support from our Student Support Counselors on campus. While this may be challenging, we are thankful that we are able to support one another as one YES Prep family during this time. We are here for you as you need.

Please be on the look out for an additional letter to discuss the beginning of the second semester as it relates to classes, grades, and other important information early next week.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to ensuring a safe, strong, and supportive new year!



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