



Dallas International School COVID-19 Procedures 2022-2023

Dallas International School partners with the Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS), and follows guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Texas Education Authority (TEA), and the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), as well as recommendations from our school's Medical Committee. We observe best practices of schools around the world thanks to our partnership with *Mission Laïque Française* when addressing any cases of COVID-19 identified at DIS among students or faculty/staff.

Please note that due to the fluid nature of the virus, these guidelines may change according to the guidance from state and local officials, and in consultation with our Medical Committee.

Vaccination:

Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic, and it helps schools safely offer in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.

Considering the above, it is strongly recommended that all children and adults should be vaccinated.

Masks:

Masks are optional for faculty, staff and students.



Action Plan for Symptoms On Campus:

If a student shows signs of COVID-19 symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath), they will be supported by staff and isolated in a designated space until a parent arrives. The school nurse will:

- Contact the student's family. Parents should plan to pick up the student from Dallas International School within 30 minutes and follow up with their healthcare provider.
- Notify close contacts of the student and provide instructions regarding quarantine.
- Remain in close contact with DCHHS about any members of the community that show symptoms of COVID-19.

Action Plan for Symptoms Off-Campus:

If a child starts to show symptoms of COVID-19 outside of school, please keep the child at home and notify your healthcare provider. Keeping a sick child home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child the opportunity to rest and recover. If a child is sick and out of school, please notify the campus here:

Waterview Campus:

wpcovid@dallasinternationalschool.org

Churchill Campus:

cwccovid@dallasinternationalschool.org



Returning to Campus After Travel:

Travel guidelines change often, so please refer to the following websites for the most up-to-date information:

www.travel.state.gov/travelsafely

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html

**For questions or reports of positive cases,
please contact the Campus Health Center via email at:**

Waterview Campus:

wpcovid@dallasinternationalschool.org

Churchill Campus:

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DALLAS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL COVID-19 ILLNESS and QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms are ANY of the following unless they have been diagnosed by a physician as symptoms of a non-COVID-19 related illness

- ✓ Fever (100°F or higher) or chills
- ✓ **New** cough (for anyone with chronic allergies/asthma, a change from baseline)
- ✓ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Muscle or body aches
- ✓ New onset of headache (for those with migraines, or other chronic headache syndromes, a change from baseline)
- ✓ **New** loss of taste or smell
- ✓ Sore throat
- ✓ Congestion or runny nose (for anyone with chronic allergies, a change from baseline)
- ✓ Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- ✓ Poor appetite (particularly in younger children)

This list may not include all possible symptoms. Visit the [CDC website](#) for updates as more is learned about COVID-19.

PERSON A
Any STUDENT, FACULTY, STAFF, or HOUSEHOLD MEMBER who tests positive for COVID-19 OR has ANY symptoms

WITH OR WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

✓ Follow the [isolation guidance](#) issued by the CDC

RETURN TO SCHOOL when:

✓ At least 5 days have passed

AND

✓ A Negative Antigen Test on Day 5 OR a Doctor's note stating you are no longer contagious for COVID-19

AND

✓ At least 24 hours have passed fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication

AND

✓ Symptoms are improving

AND

✓ Wearing a well-fitted mask for 5 additional days. Acceptable masks would be KF94 Mask, N95 Mask, KN95 Mask, N94 Mask, Happy Masks, or surgical masks (which are triple-layered). Cloth masks are not accepted.

PERSON B

Any PERSON who lives in the same household with Person A

Over 18 years old:

If **boosted** OR completed both doses of Pfizer OR Moderna vaccines within the last 6 months, OR completed the primary J&J vaccine within the last 2 months, **no quarantine is needed if there are no symptoms present.** Test on day 5, if possible.

If the person has completed both doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines over 6 months ago **AND are not boosted** OR completed the primary J&J vaccine over 2 months ago and **are not boosted** OR are **UNVACCINATED**, a **QUARANTINE of 5 days is required from exposure.** Test on day 5, if possible.

Under 18 years old:

If **completed** both doses of the COVID-19 vaccines, **no quarantine** is needed if there are no symptoms present. Test on day 5, if possible.

If **UNVACCINATED**, a **QUARANTINE** of 5 days is required from exposure. Test on day 5, if possible.

***CLOSE CONTACT** is defined as anyone who was **within 6 feet of an infected person for 15 minutes** or more, **with** or without a face covering, from 48 hours before the person started feeling sick or tested positive until the time the person was isolated. Close contacts will be determined by the Health Center during the contact tracing process.

Churchill:

If a teacher or student tests positive or has symptoms, health authorities will be contacted and a decision will be made on a case-by-case basis if unvaccinated students will need to quarantine. Contact tracing will be used to determine close contacts among students, faculty, and staff, and they will be notified of the need to quarantine.

Waterview:

If a teacher or student tests positive or has symptoms, contact tracing will be used to determine close contacts among students, faculty, and staff, and they will be notified of the need to quarantine. If needed, a decision will be made on a case-by-case basis.

PERSON D
Any STUDENT, FACULTY, STAFF exposed to Person B or C (Contact of a Contact)

NO QUARANTINE OR ACTION REQUIRED unless

Person B or Person C develops symptoms **OR** tests positive and Person D had contact with them within 14 days, then:

- ✓ Monitor for symptoms
- ✓ Notify the Campus Health Center and your Primary Care Provider if symptoms develop
- ✓ Contact the Campus Health Center with questions.



Campus Health Center Contacts:
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My child has symptoms and needs to get tested for COVID-19. What testing is accepted by DIS?

- ✓ PCR testing is considered the gold standard for detection of COVID-19 and is the testing we recommend
- ✓ Rapid molecular testing (nucleic acid amplification) is an acceptable type of COVID-19 test. This type of test is also known as a molecular lab test (PCR/NAAT), or a rapid diagnostic test (ID NOW).
- ✓ You may find a testing location at: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites>

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What if...

My child has symptoms of COVID-19 but has not been lab-confirmed.

- ✓ Please consult your primary care physician
- ✓ Follow the protocol for Person A for the sick child.
- ✓ Siblings who attend DIS should follow the protocol for Person B.

My child has had close personal contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

- ✓ Follow the protocol for Person C if that contact does not live in the same household and/or there is no further contact with them. If the contact lives in the same household, follow the protocol for Person B.

My child has tested positive for COVID-19 (with or without symptoms).

- ✓ Follow the protocol for Person A for the sick child.
- ✓ Siblings who attend DIS should follow the protocol for Person B.

My child had a fever or upper respiratory symptoms, but the pediatrician diagnosed my child with another illness and not COVID-19.

- ✓ Keep your child at home until he/she is fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and their symptoms have improved.
- ✓ A doctor's note to the Campus Health Center will be required to return to school based on an alternative diagnosis if it is less than 5 days after the symptoms first appeared.

My child has one or more of the common symptoms of COVID-19 but has tested negative for COVID-19 and has not been diagnosed with another illness by their primary care physician.

- ✓ Follow the protocol for Person A for the sick child.
- ✓ Siblings who attend DIS should follow the protocol for Person B.

My child has an underlying medical condition that puts them in the special risk categories for COVID-19.

- ✓ Follow the advice of your primary care provider and inform the Campus Heads of any possible medical recommendations.

My child is well, but someone else in the household has one or more of the common symptoms of COVID-19, is believed to have COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19.

- ✓ Follow the protocol for Person B until Covid is ruled out or the quarantine period is complete.

My child has symptoms and will get tested for COVID-19. What testing is accepted by DIS?

- ✓ PCR and the Antigen test or rapid molecular testing is accepted by DIS.
- ✓ DIS will offer antigen testing at school
- ✓ You may find a testing location at: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites>