

Agua Dulce I. S. D. 2021-2022 COVID Protocols

We are excited to welcome everyone back for the 2021-2022 school year! All instruction will take place in-person at our schools. Per Governor Abbott's executive order, face coverings (masks) are optional for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. There is no COVID-19 vaccination requirement for students, staff, or visitors.

FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings will not be required for staff, students or visitors. An individual may choose to wear a mask if desired and additional masks will be available.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Agua Dulce ISD continue to recommend that individuals two and older who are not fully vaccinated to wear masks indoors.

VACCINATIONS

Per Governor Abbott's executive order, school districts may not require students or staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The state of Texas has not added the COVID-19 vaccination to the required immunization list for students. School districts cannot require students or staff to report vaccination status.

COVID-19 REPORTING/TRACKING

As partners working together to maintain a healthy school environment, we ask parents and employees to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the school district. Parents should report positive cases to the school nurse; employees should report to the human resources director. School district staff will not conduct close contact tracing and reviews. The school district will not require students and staff to quarantine due to exposure. The school district is still required, however, to report positive cases to the Nueces County Public Health Department and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES

If a student has a confirmed case of COVID-19, please contact the school nurse as soon as possible. Parents should not send students to school who have tested positive or who are symptomatic.

When the school district receives confirmation that a student or staff member who has been on campus or at school activities during his/her infectious period has tested positive for COVID-19, a notification will be sent out to the entire school campus (staff and parents).

Per the CDC, those who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test. Those who suspect they could possibly have COVID-19 should isolate at least 10 days since the symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-inducing medication and other symptoms are improving.

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19 and believes the test was a false positive and wants to return to school before complete 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, though for health privacy reasons the note does not need to indicate what the alternative diagnosis is, or (b) take a subsequent COVID-19 PCR acute infection test (at a physician's office or approved testing location) at least 24 hours after the positive test and provide a negative test result on that subsequent test.

ABSENCES

If a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID-19, the school/teacher will provide makeup work in a similar manner as for students absent for other reasons.

Employees will have to use personal leave while they are isolating.

VISITORS & MEETINGS

Visitors will be allowed on campus according to standard rules and procedures and as capacity allows. Meetings will be allowed on campus and face coverings will not be required.

CLEANING/SANITATION PROTOCOLS

Frequent cleaning and sanitation will support a healthy learning environment for students and staff. ADISD will continue with cleaning and sanitation protocols in its buildings and campuses. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout buildings along with opportunities to wash hands frequently.

EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All extracurricular and co-curricular activities will resume with full capacity. Students nor spectators will be required to wear face coverings.

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

For social-emotional support, please contact the school counselor.

If a student has a health-related issue, please contact the school nurse or the campus principal. Employees should contact HR.

[Governor's Executive Order May 18, 2021](#)

[The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Texas Department of State Health Services \(DSHS\)](#)

[Texas Education Agency \(TEA\)](#)

[University Interscholastic League \(UIL\)](#)