



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan 2023-2024

Objectives:

1. Health and Safety
2. Learning
3. Social, Emotional, and Physical Needs of Students and Staff
4. Equity, Engagement and
5. Communication

Self-Prescreening:

To ensure the health and safety of all students and staff, all individuals should conduct self-prescreening for COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals waiting for COVID-19 test results due to symptoms or individuals currently experiencing any of the symptoms listed that are new and/or not normal for them, should stay home and consider seeking medical care and/or COVID-19 testing. Symptoms consistent with COVID-19 include:

- fatigue
- cough or shortness of breath
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- significant muscle pain or body aches
- loss of taste or smell in the last 10 days
- diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 °F

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19:

Students should report their lab-confirmed positive test to their campus Assistant Principal. Employees should report their lab-confirmed positive test to their supervisor.

Re-Entry Criteria:

Individuals who test positive with a lab-confirmed test may reenter when:

Symptoms are improving and at least 24 hours fever free have passed without the use of fever-reducing medications since recovery

Individuals must be diarrhea/vomit free for at least 24 hours without the use of diarrhea/vomit-suppressing medications before returning to school or work.

Individuals who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

Employees are expected to stay home when ill and notify their supervisor. Students should not be sent to school when ill. The school nurse will assess students who become ill during the school day, and parents/guardians will be contacted as needed. Students with a temperature of 100.0 °F or higher, active vomiting and/or diarrhea, or any other signs of a communicable condition will be excluded from school until the readmission criteria for the conditions are met as required by the [Texas DSHS](#). An individual with symptoms that could be COVID-19 who wants to return to work before completing the stay-at-home period must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual to return based on an alternative diagnosis **OR** obtain a negative COVID-19 test from a healthcare entity.

Re-entry criteria for symptomatic individuals:

Symptoms are improving and at least 24 hours fever free have passed without the use of fever-reducing medications since recovery

Individuals who have had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19:

STUDENTS:

Students who have an individual with COVID-19 in their household should monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms. If symptoms occur, then the student should notify their Assistant Principal.

EMPLOYEES:

Employees with symptoms who have had close contact with a test-confirmed, positive COVID-19 individual should monitor to see if symptoms appear. If symptoms appear, the employee should notify their supervisor.

If new or worsening symptoms develop, the individual should seek guidance from a medical professional.

Employees without symptoms who have had close contact with someone who has a test confirmed positive COVID-19 result may continue to work unless symptoms appear.

Individuals who have had a known close contact with a positive individual AND develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should follow the guidance for "Individuals who have symptoms..." listed above.

If test results are positive, the employee should not report to work and should contact their supervisor.

Masks or Face Coverings:

No employee, student, or visitor is required to wear a mask or face covering. Employees, students, and visitors can follow CDC guidance on masking and can wear a mask if they choose to do so. Magnolia ISD expects all students, employees, and visitors to respect the choice of others regarding the wearing of masks or face coverings.

Campus Visitors:

If a visitor displays any symptoms related to COVID-19, the visitor should not enter the facility. Magnolia ISD may exclude visitors during periods when there are high levels of community spread or campus cases to prevent the potential for exposure to students and employees.

Extracurricular:

UIL practices and contests will be conducted following safety protocols provided by guidance from University Interscholastic League (UIL) and TEA.

Updates:

This plan will be regularly reviewed and updated. All protocols are subject to modification at any time to address specific needs based on the recommendations of the CDC, TEA, DSHS, Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD), or other governmental entities and public health authorities.

COVID-19 Positive Case Notifications:

Magnolia ISD will notify the MCPHD, DSHS, and all other necessary stakeholders of any test-confirmed COVID-19 positive as required.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures: When possible, separate entrances or exits will be utilized for car riders, bus riders, walkers and daycares. Bus procedures will be designed to address specific campus configurations.

Students with Disabilities:

Students with disabilities will follow the same guidelines and protocols with specific services and accommodations as needed to meet their individual needs.

COVID-19 Vaccines:

COVID-19 vaccines are not required for students or employees. According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and recommended for all eligible individuals.

Cleaning/Sanitizing:

Sanitizing in common areas (halls, restrooms, meeting rooms, buses), classrooms, offices, and other spaces is occurring regularly and at the request of the Health Services Department.

Hand sanitizer stations will be available at every campus and facility. Employees are encouraged to wash/sanitize their hands frequently throughout their workday. Students will be encouraged and given opportunities throughout the school day to wash/sanitize their hands.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Magnolia ISD will provide PPE appropriate to the task for all employees by request.

Continuity of Services - Academics and Social-Emotional Health:

Magnolia ISD intends to continue to use both local and federal funds to purchase instructional materials to address the academic needs of all students, to close learning gaps, provide teacher training in best practices, provide additional paraprofessional support to assist students, and implement strategies to address social and emotional needs of students. Magnolia ISD intends to continue to use both local and federal funds to provide additional teachers to assist students, provide instructional specialists to build capacity of teachers, provide tutorials and academic interventions for students, and conduct family engagement activities. Magnolia ISD intends to add additional district and campus staff to provide and maintain educational services to students and provide learning recovery. Magnolia ISD intends to purchase additional resources such as instructional materials, software, and equipment to address the unique needs of students.

Continuity of Services - Child Nutrition:

Students will come through the serving line to select meals. High touch areas on the serving lines will be sanitized. Students will eat meals in the cafeteria. Students use RFID cards to pay for and/or select meals to avoid physically entering their lunch ID on a keypad. All kitchen food safety and sanitation guidelines will be enforced. Gloves will be worn by all food service staff when handling food. Employees will sanitize equipment and food contact surfaces prior to and after preparing food. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands prior to meal service. Magnolia ISD will continue to follow USDA and TDA regulations.

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