

# GISD COVID Protocol for 2022-2023

Greenville ISD is committed to the health and safety of students and staff. Following guidance provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), GISD has developed the following COVID-19 Response Plan for the 2022-2023 school year. Please note that this guidance is subject to change as new directives are provided by TEA and DSHS or as public health conditions change.

## Watch for Symptoms – If you are sick, please stay home.

All Greenville ISD staff, students, and visitors should self-screen for symptoms before attending school.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include but are not limited to:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Night sweats

If you are experiencing these symptoms, please stay home.

## If you test positive for COVID-19:

### Students and Staff

Parents and staff will continue to be required to report test-positive cases of COVID-19 to the school nurse or Health Services Director.

Students or Staff who test positive for COVID-19 must Isolate at home for at least 5 days.

They can return to school when:

At least 5 days have passed since their symptoms began, or since the date of their initial positive test (use the date the test was collected) if they did not develop symptoms

**AND**

They have been fever-free\* for more than 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications

**AND**

Other symptoms have improved

\* Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.

## If you have symptoms:

They can return to school when:

At least 5 days have passed since their symptoms began

**AND**

They have been fever-free\* for more than 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications

**OR**

Obtain an acute infection test that comes back negative for COVID-19

**OR**

Have a doctor's note outlining the illness is not related to COVID-19 with an alternate diagnosis and when they are allowed to return to school.

## Home Tests

Rapid, at-home antigen tests **will** be accepted this year.

A clear picture of the positive or negative at-home test result should be emailed to the school nurse (for students) and Health Services Director (for staff).

The email must contain the student or staff members full name, date of birth, and campus they attend.

## Exposure

If a student or staff member is exposed to someone who is COVID positive in or outside of their household and **does not** have any symptoms, parents, guardians, and staff member may use their best judgement whether to quarantine.

If a student or staff member is exposed to someone who is COVID positive and **does** have symptoms, they should follow the protocol listed under “If you have symptoms”.

## Testing Resources

The following link contains COVID-19 testing resources including how to obtain free at-home tests by mail.

<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>

## GISD’s COVID-19 Prevention Strategies

- Student, Employees, and Visitors are encouraged to conduct frequent hand hygiene throughout the school day. All campuses have handwashing areas and hand sanitizer readily available.
- The district uses cleaning products that are effective against common viruses and bacteria, including the COVID-19 virus. Custodial staff clean frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Any person may choose to wear a mask. Please note that in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order (GA-38) school districts in Texas are not permitted to mandate the wearing of a mask.
- The district will continue to monitor guidance from the Hunt County Health Department, CDC, Texas DSHS, and TEA.