



REDISCOVER ***FORT WORTH ISD***

Back to School Safety Protocols for the 2021 – 2022 School Year

Fort Worth ISD Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Fort Worth ISD In-Person Learning

Learning this year will be 100% in-person, starting Monday, August 16.

Virtual learning is not an option.

Fort Worth ISD will continue to prioritize the health and safety of students, employees and families.



Executive Orders GA-36 and GA-38

Executive Order No. GA-36 Issued May 18, 2021

Executive Order No. GA-38 Issued July 29, 2021

No governmental entity, including a county, city, school district, and public health authority, and no governmental official may require any person to wear a face covering or to mandate that another person wear a face covering;

TEA Public Health Guidance

August 5, 2021

- Required Actions if Individuals with Test-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School
- Masks
- Students Who Have COVID-19
- Students Who are Close Contacts



Public Health Guidance

August 5, 2021

The guidance in this document is authorized by Executive Order GA-38, which has the effect of state law under Section 418.012 of the Texas Government Code. Executive Order GA-38 provides TEA with the legal authority to publish requirements for the operation of public school systems during the COVID-19 pandemic. This document takes effect immediately, replacing all prior guidance. TEA recommends that public school systems consult with their local public health authorities and local legal counsel before making final decisions regarding the implementation of this guidance.

This guidance addresses:

- On-campus instruction
- Non-UIL extracurricular sports and activities
- Any other activities that students must complete

For guidance on matters related to school system staff, please refer [here](#). Additionally, as a reference for practices recommended by the CDC, see [here](#).

Required Actions if Individuals with Test-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School

- ✓ Notify the local health department.
- ✓ Submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health.

Fort Worth ISD will also:

- ✓ Continue to provide notification to teachers, staff and families of students in a school when a test-confirmed case is identified among students, teachers, or staff.



Masks

Fort Worth ISD:

- ✓ Masks are required for all employees and students inside district facilities and on school buses.
- ✓ All individuals are strongly encouraged to screen for COVID-19 symptoms per CDC guidelines before coming to school.
- ✓ The District will continue to promote hygiene practices including handwashing, sanitizing, covering your cough and avoiding touching your face.



COVID-19 Testing

Rapid Test - 15 minutes (processed on site)

May be used to help mitigate the risk of asymptomatic individuals being on campus.

PCR Test - 1 to 3 days (processed in a lab)

Negative result from a PCR test is required to end stay-at-home period for close contact exposure.

Fort Worth ISD Telehealth Partnership

Rapid testing will be available at 39 campuses and at all Family Resource centers. Plan to add 40 more campuses in the 2021-2022 school year.

Fort Worth ISD Telehealth Services



Goodside Health

SchoolMed telehealth services now available!

Through our partnership, your child can be tested and treated for Strep, Flu, and COVID-19 as well as sore throat, headache, skin rash, pink eye, upset stomach and the common cold. Our Whole-Child approach even allows children to receive age appropriate mental health screenings with parental consent. We have translation services available and our providers can treat all students and staff regardless of residency or insurance status with most visits delivered at **little to no cost to families**. Parents can also be included in the telehealth visit without having to leave work!

Step 1

Complete the Consent Form

Step 2

Receive Care Immediately at School

Step 3

Feel Better Faster!

Learn more and register at <https://goodsidehealth.com/register>



Participating School-Based Telemedicine Campuses

Carter-Riverside HS	Burton Hill ES	Sagamore Hill ES
Northside HS	Carroll Peak ES	Bruce Shulkey ES
O. D. Wyatt HS	George Clarke ES	Richard Wilson ES
Wedgwood 6th	Hazel Harvey Peace	Springdale ES
Meadowbrook MS	Rufino Mendoza ES	Washington Heights ES
J. Martin Jacquet MS	East Handley ES	Worth Heights ES
Wedgwood MS	Milton L Kirkpatrick ES	Woodway ES
TCC Rivercenter (TABS)	D. McRae ES	Alice D. Contreras ES
Young Mens LA	North Hi Mount ES	Western Hills Primary
I.M. Terrell STEM/VPA	Oakhurst ES	Clifford Davis ES
Benbrook ES	A M Pate ES	Cesar Chavez ES
Boulevard Heights	Mary Louise Phillips ES	Bonnie Brae ES
West Handley ES	Versia Williams ES	Seminary Hills Park ES

Students Who Have COVID-19

- ✓ School systems must exclude students from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19 or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19.

Fort Worth ISD will also:

- ✓ Continue to strongly encourage students or employees that are feeling sick, regardless of vaccination status to stay home and contact their physician.
- ✓ Continue to offer COVID-19 rapid antigen testing resources.
- ✓ Continue contact tracing and notification protocols.
- ✓ Continue the District's COVID-19 Dashboard reporting.

Close Contacts

Texas Education Agency (TEA):

Individuals who are vaccinated are not considered close contacts.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

People who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 should quarantine. However, people who are **fully vaccinated** or previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last three months may NOT need to quarantine.

Students Who Are Close Contacts

- ✓ School systems are not required to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing.
- ✓ Must notify parents if a student is a close contact.
- ✓ The stay-at-home period can end for students experiencing no symptoms on Day 10 after close contact exposure, if no subsequent COVID-19 testing is performed.
- ✓ Students can end the stay-at-home period if they receive a negative result from a PCR acute infection test after the close contact exposure ends.

Fort Worth ISD will also:

- ✓ Continue to follow **current CDC guidance** for identifying close contacts and quarantine (stay-at-home period) protocols.

COVID-19 Quarantine Definitions

Based on current guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control](#), FWISD will adhere to the definitions below for the purpose of contact tracing:

'Close Contact': Closer than 6 feet to a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 positive individual for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

'Contagion Window': For a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 positive individual, the 48 hour period prior to submitting their laboratory test (if asymptomatic), or 48 hours prior to their symptom onset (if symptomatic).

COVID-19 Quarantine Protocols

Based on current guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control](#), FWISD will follow the contact tracing and quarantine protocol below for staff and students:

COVID-19 Positive Quarantine:

10 days from submission of laboratory test or from initial onset of symptoms.

COVID-19 Close Contact Quarantine:

10 days from the date of contact IF no symptoms arise.*

*EXEMPTIONS IF SYMPTOM FREE

- ✓ Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days will be exempt from quarantine.
- ✓ **Fully vaccinated** individuals will be exempt from 'close contact' quarantine.

Student Attendance

COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Period (Quarantine) for Students

- ✓ Students in quarantine will be marked with an excused absence.
- ✓ Attendance Committee Review for 90% Attendance Rule
- ✓ Teachers will follow the FWISD Guide to Grade Reporting regarding procedures for make-up work opportunities.
- ✓ Teachers will keep Google Classroom/Canvas updated for students to access class lessons and assignments as needed.
- ✓ Remote instruction during quarantine will not be available.

Employee Attendance

COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Period (Quarantine) for Employees

- ✓ Board action pending to authorized the continuation of District COVID-19 Leave to allow up to 80-hours of paid leave.
- ✓ The District will continue to use a designated substitute code for COVID-19 related absences
- ✓ Remote work will not be available.

Preserving Health and Safety

- ✓ Daily self-checks from home before coming to school and work. (no QR code required)
- ✓ Daily cleaning and sanitizing, additional targeted response for potentially exposed areas.
- ✓ Encouraging students, employees and visitors to practice good hand hygiene (hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer)
- ✓ Masks are required for all employees and students inside district facilities and on school buses.
- ✓ Social distancing observed whenever possible.



Preserving Health and Safety

- ✓ Dividers available for use as needed and sanitizer included in free school supplies for students.
- ✓ Seating charts, pods and cohorts recommended for contact tracing.
- ✓ **Parents and visitors are welcome to walk their child to class on the first day of school.** Beginning August 17th, there will be no breakfast and lunch visitors or campus volunteers during the first six weeks. The District may revise the visitor policy pending review of COVID-19 spread within the community.
- ✓ The District will continue to welcome health screeners, health partners, and tutors to our facilities.

Preserving Health and Safety

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Fort Worth ISD, in partnership with Perrone Pharmacy, will be hosting COVID-19 vaccination clinics from 3:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the campus locations listed below:

Dates	Campus	Dates	Campus
8/23/2021 and 9/13/2021	Arlington Heights HS	8/26/2021 and 9/15/2021	World Language Institute
8/23/2021 and 9/13/2021	North Side HS	8/30/2021 and 9/20/2021	Dunbar HS
8/24/2021 and 9/14/2021	Diamond Hill-Jarvis HS	8/30/2021 and 9/20/2021	Trimble Technical HS
8/24/2021 and 9/14/2021	R. L. Paschal HS	8/31/2021 and 9/21/2021	Benbrook MS/HS
8/25/2021 and 9/15/2021	O. D. Wyatt HS	8/31/2021 and 9/21/2021	Polytechnic HS
8/25/2021 and 9/15/2021	South Hills HS	9/1/2021 and 9/22/2021	Southwest HS
8/26/2021 and 9/15/2021	Western Hills HS	9/1/2021 and 9/22/2021	Eastern Hills HS

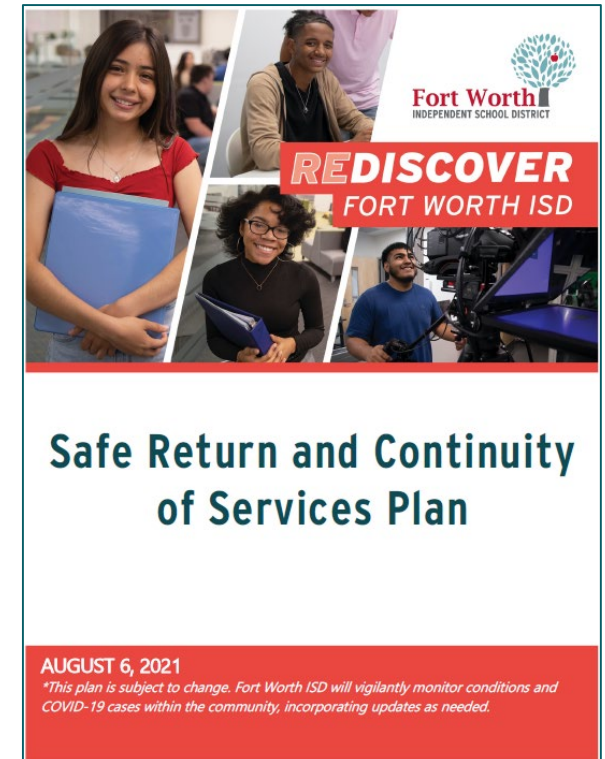
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Safe Return to Learning Plan

Fort Worth ISD will continue to monitor school trends and consult with Tarrant County Public Health and the Texas Education Agency.

The Safe Return and Continuity of Services Plan outlines everything the District is doing to help ensure campuses are as safe as possible.

<https://www.fwisd.org/Page/26936>





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