

TISD Illness Protocol

Updated 5/15/24 Per CDC & DSHS Guidelines

Exclusion for Illness	Readmittance Requirements
Fever	May return when 24 hrs fever free without the use of fever suppressing medication.
Diarrhea	May return when 24 hrs free of symptoms/fever without the use of symptom/fever suppressing medications.
Bacterial Infections (pink eye, strep throat, etc.)	May return 24 hours after starting antibiotics for a variety of bacterial infections or when medically cleared by a physician. Please refer to the exclusion criteria above for fever.
Undiagnosed, new, and/or untreated rash or skin condition (i.e. hives, wound with purulent drainage, etc.)	May return when medically cleared & treatment has been started. Open wounds must stay covered with a bandage. Ring-worm must stay covered by clothing or a bandage.
Diagnosis of ANY COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, including but not limited to: Strep Throat, Influenza, Mononucleosis, Conjunctivitis, Fifth's Disease, Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease, etc.	May return by submitting documentation of the attending physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant attesting that the individual does not currently have signs or symptoms of a communicable disease or to the disease's non-communicability in a school setting. For attendance purposes, please submit as soon as possible or upon the individual's return.
COVID-19	May return when 24 hrs fever free without the use of fever suppressing medication.

For more information regarding school exclusion criteria and a more comprehensive list of communicable diseases, please review the following link to the Texas Administrative Code: [25 Tex. Admin. Code 97.7](#)

***Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.**

TISD Health Services Response to COVID-19 in the School Setting

If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

- Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-38 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As provided in this Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who have or are suspected of having COVID-19, and must immediately notify parents if this is determined while on campus. As noted in the rule, exclusion shall continue until the conditions for re-entry are met:
 - For children with symptoms, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free, and other symptoms have improved.
- Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 5 days after the day they were tested.
 - Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met.

TISD will continue to encourage individuals to stay home if they are ill, teach proper handwashing technique & cough etiquette, wiping down of desks between use, increased cleaning practices of high traffic items and areas, and will continue to keep our students and staff's safety our #1 priority.