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DALLAS ISD

SCREENING & PREVENTION

SELF-Screening

Students, staff, and visitors should self-screen before going to a district facility by checking their temperature and determining if they have any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

- Cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Chills/repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle aches/body aches/fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Loss of taste or smell
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Fever of 100.4 or greater

Students and staff running a fever of 100.4 or higher, or feeling ill, should stay home and not report to the campus. A health provider should be contacted if necessary. Parents should notify their child’s campus of the absence. Staff must notify their supervisor regarding the absence.

VACCINATED VS. UNVACCINATED

Persons who had close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 and who meet the following criteria do not need to stay home and quarantine:

- Tested positive for COVID-19 within the past three months, or
- Fully vaccinated

The CDC recommends fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested three to five calendar days after exposure and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for up to 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

Staff who are placed on quarantine by their campus nurse or Health Services may receive up to 10 days on a quarantine status. If a staff member chooses not to get tested as directed by Health Services, the staff member’s days will be decremented against their paid time off (PTO) balance.

Unvaccinated Students/Staff who have had close contact with a person known to have COVID-19:

With a COVID-19 test: Quarantine at home and be tested five to seven calendar days after exposure. If negative and symptom free return to school on day eight.

Without a test quarantine: Quarantine at home for ten calendar days and return to campus on day eleven.

Students/Staff who test positive for COVID-19 may not return to school until:

- At least 24 hours without fever and
- Symptoms have improved (Cough, headache, sore throat, etc.) and
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, or
- Note from a medical professional to return to school

Staff members exhibiting symptoms or that test positive for COVID-19 during the quarantine status may qualify for up to 10 days on EPSL leave. The campus nurse or the Health Services department will inform the staff member of the number of days they are approved to be on a quarantine status.

Staff placed on isolation due to positive COVID-19 test, may receive up to 10 days paid time off.

SAFETY IS PRIORITY

- Dallas ISD will continue to post COVID-19 cases to the Dashboard on the District website.
- Dallas ISD will contact trace and notify parents and staff of exposures.
- Dallas ISD families should keep sick and / or exposed children home.

RAPID TESTING

Dallas ISD nurses will continue to offer testing at campuses. In addition, the District offers testing centrally at the Cotton Facility at 3701 Botham Jean Blvd, Dallas, Texas 75215.


Masks

Staff, students, and visitors will temporarily be required to wear masks at all District facilities.
Notification of Positive Cases

When a campus staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they must immediately notify their campus nurse and principal. Campuses should ensure that staff have contact information for nurses and principals for quick notification. The staff member should go to the COVID-19 link at the bottom of this page and click on Reporting to make official notification of COVID status. Nurses will verify official reporting and notify their Health Services supervisor. Principals will notify their Executive Director. When a campus is experiencing a high number of positive cases or the nurse is unable to contact trace, the ED will notify their School Leadership Deputy and the Deputy Chief of Staff.

Vaccination Clinics

Dallas ISD is partnering with several vaccination providers to provide vaccination clinics at all secondary campuses. Health Services will work directly with campus nurses to provide these events.

School-wide Requirements

With the excitement of staff, students, and families on returning to school, the recommended guidelines on social distancing will need to be followed. These guidelines of 3-feet of social distancing, 6-feet where possible, will allow all campus stakeholders to interact in the safest manner possible.

Campus Visitors

Campus visitors, including parents, guardians, community service groups, and volunteers will be allowed on campuses. Principals should monitor the amount of visitor traffic in their schools. All visitors who enter the building should follow self-screening protocols prior to visiting a school. All visitors must follow the safety protocols in place, including social distancing. Wearing a mask is recommended.

Lobby/Common Areas

Within the lobby or common areas, there should be no gathering of people. Barriers/safe zones will be established around the front desk/receiving areas. Spaces will be established to achieve physical distancing. This will include the removal of seats and the closure of lounges within open areas, and the use of spacing tables.

Water Fountains

Water fountains will be on in buildings while adhering to a strict cleaning schedule. Students may be allowed to bring a reusable water bottle for use throughout the day and then take home for cleaning.

Physical Distancing

The CDC has identified social (physical) distancing as a strategy in the containment of COVID-19. Current CDC guidelines recommend social distancing of at least three feet, with six feet social distancing where possible.

Seating Charts

All teachers at all levels are required to have a seating chart and maintain any changes. This will allow the identification and notification of students in the event of a positive case.

Physical Education

The extracurricular and co-curricular physical activities of the district’s Physical Education Department will follow the guidelines established by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) and safety measures will reflect national, state and local guidance or recommendations.

Links to additional information on COVID-19

STAFF
https://www.dallasisd.org/covidstaffinformation

PARENTS / Students
www.dallasisd.org/covidsafety

COVID-19 Dashboard
https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiMzdiNmJkMzI0NjIyZjI2MDYwZjY4YzhmZjI2MjI1ODU1ZjA4YjkiIiwicCI6IjgxNzIzODIzNTI1ODE0IiwidCI6NzE5MDQzMTEwdGF0YWluOjY4OTk3MjI2NjI2NMTA2IiwiaCI6NzE5MDQzMTEwIiwidCI6NzE5MDQzMTEwIiwiaCI6NzE5MDQzMTEwIiwidCI6NzE5MDQzMTEw