



WFISD Back to School Protocols 2021-2022

District Operations

What are the required actions for reporting if individuals with test-confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been in a school? Per TEA Public Health Guidance dated August 5, 2021:

1. 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).
2. Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form. The report must be submitted each Monday for the prior seven days (Monday-Sunday).

Will schools notify parents if individuals with test-confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been in school?

No. At this time, TEA has removed all notification requirements except for those listed in their public health guidance, posted on the TEA website. Pending updates, WFISD will follow TEA guidance.

Will WFISD transportation services have availability for all riders?

Yes. During the 2021-2022 school year, WFISD buses will return to full occupancy and ridership.

Will the district offer a remote option for my student?

No. WFISD's remote learning option will no longer be available for the 2021-2022 school year since the Governor's disaster declaration has expired.

Will there continue to be contact tracing and quarantine requirements?

Contact tracing will be performed through the health department, and health department case managers will determine quarantine requirements.

What should I do if my child is sick or tests positive for 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. 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.

Will my child's absence be excused?

Parents must provide the school with documentation from the health department or their physician in order for the absence to be excused.



What should I do if my child is a close contact to a positive case?

Parents of students who are determined to be close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 may opt to keep their students at home during the recommended stay-at-home period. 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. Alternately, students can end the stay-at-home period if they receive a negative result after the close contact exposure ends. Based on CDC guidelines, individuals who are vaccinated are not considered close contacts.

Will the school district be offering COVID-19 rapid tests this year?

Yes. The school nurse will have rapid tests available on campus. Rapid tests may be conducted on students with prior written permission from parents.

Campus Operations

Will face masks be optional or required for the 2021-2022 school year?

Face masks are optional for any student or staff member. Per Executive Order GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. Teachers may ask students to wear a mask during small group time or in areas where social distancing is not possible. However, it will not be required.

The only exception is Sheppard Elementary. Due to federal requirements, all staff and students at Sheppard Elementary are required to wear a mask while on Sheppard Air Force Base

Will social distancing be required?

No. Social distancing is encouraged, where applicable, but not required.

Will hand sanitizing and cleaning protocols still be in place this year?

Yes. We will continue to allow time in the school day for handwashing and will continue to provide direction on appropriate respiratory etiquette and hand sanitizing. Signage and reminders will be posted in school buildings. Additionally, hand sanitizer will be available at all campuses for students, staff and visitors.

What are the lunchroom restrictions on campus?

Some lunchroom restrictions are still in place. Each campus may share specific information on lunchroom times and procedures.

Will visitors be allowed on campus this year?

Visitor access will be limited through Labor Day. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead and make an appointment if a meeting is necessary. Procedures will be reviewed again after Labor Day.

Does my student need to bring a water bottle to school?

Yes. Students will be allowed to use water fountains and campus hydration stations to fill personal water bottles.



How will the campus monitor students for COVID-19 symptoms?

As with any illness, we encourage our parents to monitor their students for any illness related symptoms. We encourage all of our parents to receive medical attention as needed. Should students exhibit symptoms while at school, they will be monitored by the school nurse. As with any illness, the school may require parents to pick students up if they are exhibiting the following symptoms: fever, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting.

Will students be able to take field trips this coming year?

Yes. We anticipate our students will be able to take field trips this year.

If I have further questions, who should I contact?

Please contact your campus principal with any further questions.

COVID-19 vaccine clinics will be held every Friday through Labor Day from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm at the Career Education Center (500 E. Hatton Rd).

NOTE: As the health and safety for all students and staff remains a priority, WFISD will continue to monitor the local health situation and communicate any updates or modifications as necessary.

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