

Itasca ISD Return to School Plan

General Information

- **Schools will abide by any Governor Order regarding face coverings** (*ie, if school was in session on July 20th, everyone age 10 or older would be required to wear a face covering for much of the school day*) Face coverings include cloth masks, gaiters, face shields or anything else that provides covering over the nose and mouth.
 - *Student and staff who qualify for a medical exemption regarding masks will need to provide a medical note.*
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet will be encouraged at all times
- Water fountains will be available for filling of water containers only
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom, entrances, and throughout common spaces
- All areas of use will be sanitized daily.

Health Screening

- Staff will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day
- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their students to school
- Parents should not send students to school who have had fever reducing medication (ie: tylenol, motrin, advil and their generic forms)
- Teachers will monitor students and refer to the nurse if symptoms are present
- Visitors required to complete health screening to determine if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or have come into [close contact](#) with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 upon entry into the building

Isolation Procedures

- If a student or staff member have displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student/staff needs to be sent home
 - If a student or staff member is assessed and exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, the cohort will be located to an alternate area while the room is being disinfected
- Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
 - In the case of an individual who was **diagnosed** with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - at least one days (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
 - In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed

to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) obtain an acute infection test at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/> that comes back negative for COVID-19.
- Students or staff who come into close contact (being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination) will be asked to self-quarantine for 10 days and should contact the school for meeting the [Return to School Criteria](#)
- District communication will be provided to the staff and students who came in contact with anyone who tests positive for COVID-19
- Any student requiring quarantine will transition to Remote Learning for the period of self-isolation
- Staff needing to self-isolate for exposure or lab positive but asymptomatic for COVID-19 may be asked to work remotely and leave may not be impacted. A positive diagnosis of COVID-19 will qualify staff for Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL), available through December 2020 which gives access to two weeks of additional leave for employees.

Clinical Procedures

- Students or staff who present with symptoms will be evaluated and assessed by the school nurse
- If COVID-19 symptoms are present: staff member will be sent home, and student will be quarantined from other students and asked to put on a face covering until parent arrives
- Nurse will notify campus administrator to move the student's class so that the space can be disinfected
- Student will be escorted to vehicle upon parent arrival
- Nurse will provide parent/staff with [Return to School Criteria](#)
- Contact tracing for lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be conducted

Notification Procedures

- Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate on any on campus activities. If you were determined to have had close contact you will be individually contacted
- Contact tracing for lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be conducted to determine who came into close contact with
- Close contact is defined as:
 - being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield); or
 - being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close

contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Example: A IES student tests positive in the third grade. All IES parents are notified that a student has tested positive at the campus. Through contact tracing, IISD determines who has been in “[close contact](#)” and contacts those families to determine next steps (which may or may not include self-isolation depending on if face coverings were worn and degree of contact).

Definition of Covid-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, individuals will be asked if they have any of the following symptoms in a way that is not normal for them.

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
- Sore throat;
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (or, for students with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.
- Loss of taste or smell
- Chills
- Congestion or runny nose
- Significant muscle pain or ache

Definition of “Close Contact”

This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. Close contact is determined by an appropriate public health agency. For clarity, close contact is defined as:

- a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield); or
- b. being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, two days prior to the confirming lab test.

Return To School Criteria

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

- In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - at least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) obtain an acute infection test at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/> that comes back negative for COVID-19.
- All employees must complete a COVID-19 Reporting Form.

UIL Activities & Extracurriculars

- Staff, parents, and visitors are required to self screen prior to entry/participation in any UIL/Extracurricular events, and should follow the **Health Screening Guidelines** as listed above.
- Signage with COVID-19 symptoms for screening will be posted at all entrances, and all patrons reminded to self screen upon entry.
- Face masks are required as depicted in the Governor's Ex. Order for all adults age 10 and over, unless identified as an exception which include, but are not limited to:
 - While consuming food or drink
 - With medical approval
 - Congregating with a group that is at least 6 feet apart
- Individuals that are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 will follow the **Isolation Procedures** as listed above.
- **Close Contact** is defined as above, and those who are determined to be in close contact will be notified to follow the **Return to School Criteria**.
 - If close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case, the local health department, visiting/participating school district, and any/all employees, coaches, referees, parents, etc. to be determined will be notified and directed to follow the **Isolation Procedures** as listed above.
 - Any area associated with a confirmed or suspected case will be closed off until a deep sanitation can be conducted.
- All UIL & Extracurricular facilities will be sanitized daily, after and between each practice or contest. Locker Rooms, band halls, dressing rooms etc., will be cleaned on a regular routine and equipped with hand sanitizer stations at all major entries.

*For further guidance regarding COVID-19 mitigation and the UIL, please refer to the COVID-19 Information page at <https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/covid-19>.

Please see the guidance chart for district response chart

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C2X_lhGYnIH5Imrg2jFnwRPhoOidKbn873iYEw7YEoU/edit

Please see the following COVID-19 Process Maps for specific information related to students.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-gC0Y3wzA9o23-pU4IT7u62gsu_W5VEt/view?usp=sharing