



# **RAINS ISD & COVID-19**

## **ABOUT THE CASE DASHBOARD**

*In an effort to keep our parents, staff, and community informed, the dashboard on the [www.rainsisd.org](http://www.rainsisd.org) website will be updated by 4:00 pm daily to reflect active cases in Rains ISD. In accordance with TEA guidelines, this dashboard serves as a written notification of active COVID-19 cases within our district for our school community and community at large.*

# CLOSE CONTACT DEFINED

In general, close contact is defined as:

1. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
2. being within 6 feet for a largely uninterrupted or sustained extended contact period throughout the course of a day of approximately 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.
3. Either (1) or (2) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are test-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming lab test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming lab test.

To help us reduce the spread of illness in our school community, please keep the following things in mind:

- If your child develops a fever or other flu-like symptoms, please see a medical professional immediately and do not bring your child to school.

# CURRENT POSITIVE CASES

Individuals who receive a lab-positive COVID-19 test result.



# **CLOSE CONTACT NOTIFICATION**

In addition to the active case information provided on the dashboard, following established guidelines and our communications protocols, we will notify any individuals within 24 hours who may have come in close contact (as defined by TEA) with a lab-confirmed positive case on campus.

If you are not directly contacted, then you were not someone who was identified as having close contact. Those who were identified as being in close contact will be given directions on the process for returning to the building.

## **RESPONSE TO A POSITIVE CASE**

If a student begins displaying symptoms during the day, they must immediately be separated until they can be picked up by their parent or guardian; staff members will be asked to leave the building immediately. The areas used by that individual will be cleaned and disinfected before the next day.

# RETURN TO SCHOOL PROCEDURES

*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 ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.*
- at least 24 hours have passed without fever or the use of fever-reducing medications;*
- the individual has improvement in symptoms;*

*In the case of an individual who is determined to have had close contact with someone who is lab-confirmed positive for COVID-19, such individual can test on day 5 of the quarantine and, upon receiving a negative result, may return on day 8. If the individual chooses NOT to test they may return on day 11 so long as they are fever-free and symptom-free.*