



August 10, 2021

We are excited to welcome everyone back for the 2021-2022 school year! All instruction will take place in-person at our schools. Per Governor Abbott's executive order, face coverings (masks) are optional for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. There is no COVID-19 vaccination requirement for students, staff, or visitors.

The following information is a synopsis of our back-to-school plan for health and safety based on the latest information we have from the Texas Education Agency. You can view the complete plan at this [link](#).

FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings will not be required for staff, students or visitors. An individual may choose to wear a mask if desired. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to recommend that individuals two and older who are not fully vaccinated to wear masks indoors.

VACCINATIONS

Per Governor Abbott's executive order, school districts may not require students or staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The state of Texas has not added the COVID-19 vaccination to the required immunization list for students. School districts cannot require students or staff to report vaccination status.

COVID-19 REPORTING/TRACKING

As partners working together to maintain a healthy school environment, we ask parents and employees to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the school district. Parents should report positive cases to the school nurse; employees should report to the business office. School district staff will not conduct close contact tracing. The school district will not require students and staff to quarantine due to exposure. The school district will not send out school wide notifications but the District is still required to report positive cases to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES

If a student has a confirmed case of COVID-19, please contact the school nurse as soon as possible. Parents should not send students to school who have tested positive or who are symptomatic. Those who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and have a significant improvement in symptoms.

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19 and believes the test was a false positive and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a physician's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis, though for health privacy reasons the note does not need to indicate what the alternative diagnosis is, or (b) take a subsequent COVID-19 PCR acute infection test (at a physician's office or approved testing location) at least 24 hours after the positive test and provide a negative test result on that subsequent test.

ABSENCES

If a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID-19, the school/teacher will provide makeup work in a similar manner as for students absent for other reasons. Employees will have to use personal leave while they are isolating.

VISITORS & MEETINGS

Only visitors with administrative approval to attend scheduled meetings will be allowed during the regular school day. Masks are optional for visitors but recommended. Visitors are welcome at school events outside of the regular school day.

CLEANING/SANITATION PROTOCOLS & MITIGATION

Frequent cleaning and sanitation will support a healthy learning environment for students and staff. Snook ISD will continue with cleaning and sanitation protocols in its buildings and campuses. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout buildings.

EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All extracurricular and co-curricular activities will resume with full capacity. Students nor spectators will be required to wear face coverings.

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

For social-emotional support, please contact the school counselor. If a student has a health-related issue, please contact the school nurse or the campus principal. Employees should contact human resources.

[Governor's Executive Order May 18, 2021](#)

[The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Texas Department of State Health Services \(DSHS\)](#)

[Texas Education Agency \(TEA\)](#)

[University Interscholastic League \(UIL\)](#)