



DECATUR
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

**School Entry Plan and Safety
Protocols 2023-2024 School Year**

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General

The DISD School Entry Plan and Safety Protocols are in compliance with the recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and local health authorities. This plan and these protocols are subject to change during the school year based on changes to executive orders and recommendations from the aforementioned agencies and authorities.

Protocols for Screening and Isolation

Screening Protocols

- Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and contact their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Teachers will monitor students and refer to the nurse as needed.

COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Protocols: Student or Staff Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms

In the event that a DISD teacher, staff, or student is lab confirmed positive for COVID-19, they must stay at home throughout the infectious period.

Students or staff who are actively sick with COVID-19, suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19 may return when:

- If symptomatic, stay home until at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free*, and other symptoms have improved, or
- For those with no symptoms, stay home until at least 5 days after the day they tested positive.

****Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.***

The first day of symptoms or the date of the positive test (if asymptomatic) is day zero for the purpose of calculating the date of reentry.

Staff who are test-confirmed to have COVID-19 are required to report their case to Human Resources (meradith.culpepper@decaturisd.us) and coordinate leave with their supervisor during isolation.

Protocols for Student Absences

Students will be expected to maintain the 90% attendance requirement for credit, and parents/guardians are expected to be partners with the school district in making sure students are in daily attendance (Policy FEC and FED).

Protocols for Campus Cleaning and Disinfecting

Frequent cleaning, disinfecting and hand washing will promote a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff.

Daily Campus Cleaning

- Each classroom and restroom will be disinfected daily.
- All high-touch areas will be disinfected daily.
- The cafeteria will be disinfected between lunch periods.
- Staff will have access to disinfecting spray and towels to sanitize working surfaces.

Daily Bus Cleaning

- When possible school buses will open windows to allow outside air to circulate throughout the bus.
- Buses will be thoroughly cleaned after each bus trip focusing on high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles.

Additional Cleaning Measures on Campuses

If a classroom or facility experiences illness spread, quaternary disinfectant will be used to clean and disinfect. Custodial staff will clean and disinfect all affected areas.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

If a DISD student or staff member needs mental health support, DISD counselors and local mental health professionals are available.

COVID-19 Notifications

In accordance with the [Texas Education Agency's Public Health Guidance](#), notifications related to COVID-19 will be provided as required. If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the district will notify the local health department and the Department of State Health Services, 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).