

Daily Attendance/Instruction/Operation

Campuses will operate as normal as possible while encouraging students to follow social distancing guidelines at all times. We will not offer remote instruction.

Students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or be promoted to the next grade level (Texas Education Code 25.092).

When meetings are necessary, masks are optional and we will encourage social distancing.

On-Campus Information

Full School Days (Monday - Friday)

Students will be required to participate in district/state assessments as scheduled.

Home-school students can not participate in extra-curricular (UIL) competitions.

Food Service

Breakfast

Breakfast will be offered and served as normal on all campuses

Lunch

Lunch will be offered and served as normal on all campuses

Transportation

Route buses will run as normal.

Health protocols will include disinfection of all buses after each route/activity as well as social distancing when possible.

Visitors

Our visitors policies will return to normal.

If visitors will be on campus, they will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms. Masks are optional.

Travel

Travel will return to normal.

Employee Leave

As of now, all employee leave will be handled as it is handled in a normal school year. This is subject to change if the state or federal government initiates some type of COVID leave.

Hallway Traffic

Traffic flow in hallways will be organized to ensure students can social distance.

PE/Recess

All equipment must be disinfected after use.

PE and Recess will return to normal.

When feasible and appropriate, it is preferable for students to gather outside, rather than inside, because of likely reduced risk of virus spread outdoors.

Extra-curricular activities

We will return to normal operations for all extra-curricular activities. Masks are not mandatory. We will have hand sanitizer available throughout our facilities.

Home-school students will not be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities.

School Dismissal Times

Dismissal times will return to normal for all campuses.

General Education Information (for on campus instruction)

We will encourage students to practice social distancing when possible. Masks are optional.

Frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing will be encouraged.

Any technological device used by students must be disinfected by appropriate personnel after use.

Health and Hygiene Practices

Students and staff shall self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms.

School staff and students should notify school officials if they have symptoms, are lab-confirmed positive, or if they've had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school (on campus) if he/she has symptoms or is lab-confirmed positive.

Hand sanitizer should also be available at each entrance to the school facility and in every classroom, and students and teachers should be encouraged to use it frequently.

Students, teachers, and staff should also wash hands or use hand sanitizer after they have touched something another person recently touched.

Students should be instructed in good handwashing techniques and given frequent opportunities to wash their hands.

Masks are **not** mandatory (per the Governor's order).

It is recommended for students to bring their own water bottle.

Campus custodial staff will disinfect all areas used for school daily. Cleaning practices will be intensified throughout the day, paying close attention to areas of the building and classrooms that are commonly touched.

Bus drivers will disinfect buses daily before and after use.

Masks

Schools are required to comply with the Governor's executive order regarding the wearing of masks. Currently, masks are not mandatory but encouraged for unvaccinated individuals.

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

Any individual who is either (a) lab-confirmed positive, or (b) is experiencing symptoms must stay home throughout the infection period and cannot return to campus until the school screens the individual to determine any of the following conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

1. In the case of a person who was diagnosed with COVID-19, he or she may return to school when all 3 conditions have been met: 1. no fever and; 2. the individual has improved symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath); or 3. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
2. In the case of a person who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 but is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested positive, the person is assumed to have COVID-19 and may not return to campus until the person has completed the same 3-step set of criteria above.
3. If the person has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the person must either obtain a note from a physician clearing him or her, or a negative test from an approved COVID-19 testing location.

Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

Schools must immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent/guardian.

Schools should clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school as soon as is feasible. Students who report feeling "feverish" should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic.

Required Actions if Lab-Confirmed Cases Are in a School

If a person is lab-confirmed positive, the school must notify our local health department.

Schools must close off areas that were heavily used by the person with the lab-confirmed case until the non-porous surfaces can be disinfected, unless more than 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.

Schools will notify teachers, staff, and families if a lab-confirmed case is identified among students, teachers, or staff who participate on any on-campus activities and if they came into close contact with that individual.

Close Contact Guidelines

Individuals who are vaccinated are not considered close contacts.

If school systems are made aware that a student is a close contact, the school system should notify the student's parents.

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.

If a student comes into close contact and the parent opts to place them in quarantine, the student may return to campus after day 7 if a negative test was performed on or after day 5 and the result was negative.

COVID-19 Symptoms for Screening

- o Cough
- o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- o Chills
- o Repeated shaking or exaggerated shivering
- o Significant muscle pain
- o Headache
- o Sore throat
- o Loss of taste or smell
- o Diarrhea
- o Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- o Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19

Custodial Staff

All custodians will work each day and thoroughly disinfect every area of each building/office that is used throughout the day.

Counseling Services

Counselors are available to support students academically, socially, and emotionally and can provide mental health support or resources for families who may be struggling emotionally. If a student needs to schedule a counseling session, please contact the campus counselor.

Special Services (SPED, Dyslexia, ESL, etc.)

All services will be offered as they normally are.

FCISD COVID-19 GUIDELINES

(as of 1/10/2022)

If a person tests positive for COVID-19

That person must isolate regardless of vaccination status

- Quarantine for 5 days
- At the end of the 5 day period, if the person is fever-free and has no other symptoms, he/she may return to school
- Continue to wear a mask for 5 days upon return

If you came into close contact with someone with COVID-19

If the person is **vaccinated** (within the last 6 months with the Pfizer/Moderna vaccine or within the last 2 months with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) OR has received the booster shot

- Do not have to quarantine
- Wear a mask around others for 10 days
- If the person develops symptoms, stay home and get tested

If the person is **unvaccinated**, OR completed the primary series of Pfizer/Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and has not received a booster, OR has completed the primary series of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine over 2 months ago and has not received a booster

- Quarantine for 5 days (recommended but not mandated) and continue to wear a mask for 5 days upon return
- If the person does not quarantine, they must wear a mask for 10 days
- If the person develops symptoms at any time, they must stay home and get tested

School systems may choose to require household-based close contact students to stay at home during the below stay-at-home period if they are in an area with high or rising COVID case rates. This applies specifically to students who are close contacts because an individual who lives in the same household is COVID-19 positive. (based off of public health guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency on 1/7/22)

Staff who meet the close contact threshold with a COVID-19 positive individual and are in one of the following groups, do not need to stay at home.

- ***Ages 18 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary shots for some immune-compromised people.***
- ***Was confirmed COVID-19 positive within the last 90 days and has fully recovered.***

COVID-19 Symptoms include: Fever, chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea