

Grady ISD Covid-19 Protocols and Practices

The safety of our students and staff will always remain a top priority of Grady ISD. The district has updated the COVID-19 mitigation protocols for employees and students. All protocols and practices implemented by Grady ISD are based upon [CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#), [TEA Public Health Guidance](#) and [Texas Department of State Health Services](#). COVID-19 Protocols are subject to change due to area, state, and national COVID-19 trends and requirements of governmental agencies. We will communicate any updates or changes as necessary.

The information in this document reflects current practices at Grady ISD. We will practice measures to minimize the spread of illness through a multilayered approach, which includes enhanced cleaning protocols, frequent hand washing, and isolation.

Screening and Isolation Protocols

Self-monitoring and self-health awareness are key for a safe school environment. Grady ISD's approach to keeping students and staff safe includes frequent hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick, cleaning and disinfection.

Screening

- Parents, students, staff and visitors are expected to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming to work or school each day.
- Neither staff nor students should report to school/work if they have fever or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19.
- The best way to prevent the spread of illness in our school is to stay home when ill. Parents should not send students to school if they have a fever of 100.0°F or higher or new symptoms of illness.

Isolation and Response to Positive Cases

- During school, if a student displays symptoms of COVID-19 the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment and determine next steps.
- If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, 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)
- Parents will be notified electronically of positive cases within their child's cohort.
 - Families of elementary students will be notified by grade level
 - Families of JH students will be notified as a whole
 - Families of HS students will be notified as a whole
- Disinfect areas in which the positive individual has occupied.
- **Students** who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be permitted to return to school when they have satisfied the following criteria:

- For children with symptoms, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free, and other symptoms have improved.
 - Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 5 days after the day they were tested.
- **Staff** who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be permitted to return to school when they have satisfied the following criteria:
 - If symptomatic, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free, and symptoms have improved.
 - If an adult tests positive for COVID-19 but does not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 5 days after the day they were tested.

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

Masks

By [Executive Order 38](#) of the Governor of Texas, Grady ISD may not require masks to be worn. **The wearing of masks is optional.** It is the personal choice of the staff member or the parent as to whether or not they or their student wears a mask.

Hand-washing/Sanitizing Expectations

Staff and students will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands.

Hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations throughout campus.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Frequent cleaning and disinfection will support a healthy learning and work environment for staff and students. The district will continue to supply adequate cleaning and disinfectant supplies for all district facilities.

Rooms will be sanitized in between classes in addition to regular cleaning. Pre-K-2 classrooms will be sanitized frequently throughout the day. Common areas such as cafeteria, restrooms, locker rooms, and buses will also be sanitized often.

Distancing and Hygiene

The most important aspect of distancing will be for those students that are sick and symptomatic. Isolating students as soon as a teacher or staff identifies them as being sick is most effective.

We encourage students to bring their own water bottles and will allow students to refill bottles in school. Water fountains will remain operational and cleaning and disinfection will occur regularly.

Vaccination Information

If you are interested in vaccinating yourself or your child, the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) has current information on where to get a free vaccine as well as current vaccination guidelines. Grady ISD does not have the means to offer vaccinations.

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