

Santa Fe ISD Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 2021-2022

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Personal Hygiene

- The CDC **recommends** the continuance of wearing face masks indoors by all individuals 2 years of age and older, especially for those not fully vaccinated or that have a compromised immune system.
- The wearing of masks is **optional** for students, staff, and visitors of SFISD in accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-36.
 - Students suspected of having a communicable illness (such as flu, COVID-19, Pertussis, etc.) will be provided a mask to wear until the student is picked up by a parent/guardian.
- Any individual wishing to wear a mask may do so in accordance with the Texas Education Agency's School Health Operations Requirements.
- Staff and students will be educated on proper hygiene practices including handwashing, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout campus facilities.
- Face masks will be provided to individuals with possible communicable illness awaiting parent pick-up.

Health Screenings

- Parents/guardians must screen their student's health condition daily and are to keep their student(s) home if they are ill.
- Staff and students must remain home if they have taken a COVID-19 test and are awaiting the results. Once results are received, they are to be reviewed by the campus nurse and re-entry criteria met prior to return to campus.
- Staff and students are required to self-screen at home, prior to coming onto campus each day.
 - Staff must notify their supervisor if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms and speak with the campus nurse or other designated nurse prior to their return to campus.
 - Staff may contact the Benefits Coordinator with any questions related to absence/leave.
- Students, staff, or visitors may not enter a district facility if any of the following apply:
 - Diagnosed with COVID-19
 - Waiting for results of a COVID-19 test
 - COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Fever (100.0° or greater)
 - Chills
 - Persistent cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle/body aches
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Diarrhea
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Sudden onset or persistent headache
- Parents/guardians should contact the campus nurse for further guidance on the student's return to school if a student is quarantined.

Close Contact

- Close contact is defined as:
 - Being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on)
 - Being with 3 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes or longer throughout a 24-hour period
 - Either of the above occurred during the infectious period of a COVID-19 positive individual
- Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or two days prior to collection of a positive COVID-19 test if asymptomatic.
- Any individual identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 positive case should monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days (beginning after the last day of contact with the COVID-19 positive individual) and seek medical advice and/or COVID-19 testing if symptoms develop.

Contact Tracing

- Contact tracing will continue for any person who tests positive for COVID-19.
- Factors impacting contact tracing:
 - Duration and circumstance of exposure
 - Proper use of face masks
 - Vaccination status
 - Current virus trend
- Parents/guardians may opt to keep their student home for up to 10 consecutive days if they are identified as a close contact by SFISD, but are not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- If a student identified as a close contact is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, they will be placed on quarantine protocol and must meet re-entry criteria.
- It is strongly recommended that staff and students identified as a close contact wear a mask for 10 days following their last known exposure.

Responding to Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

- Students believed to be exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms while on campus will be sent to the clinic for assessment to determine if they will need to quarantine.
- District staff should clean the area(s) used by the student exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms at school as soon as is feasible.
- SFISD will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a classroom or extracurricular or after-school program if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among those in the classrooms or cohorts per TEA guidelines.

Quarantine

- Staff, students, and visitors will be required to quarantine at home if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 as stated above, have tested positive for COVID-19, or awaiting results of a COVID-19 test.
- Individuals that are close contacts but have been fully vaccinated and at least 2 full weeks have passed are not required to quarantine if they do not currently have COVID-19 symptoms.
 - COVID-19 vaccine administration must be validated by the campus nurse.
- Any individual that is quarantined, must meet all re-entry criteria prior to their return.

Re-entry Criteria

- Any individual diagnosed with COVID-19 or presumed to have COVID-19 may return to school when all three of the following re-entry criteria are met:
 - 10 days since the start of COVID-19 symptoms,
 - 48 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications, **AND**

- Improved symptoms
- Any individual exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19 is presumed positive of having COVID-19 and may not return to campus until meeting re-entry criteria listed above.
- Individuals that are quarantined due to exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and wants to return to campus before completing the quarantine period must either:
 - Obtain a physician's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternate diagnosis, **OR**
 - Receive confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test result from an approved testing site. Tests taken at home will not be accepted for early return to campus.

Procedures to Respond to a COVID-19 Lab-Confirmed Case

- The campus nurse will notify the local health district, Galveston County Health District (GCHD), and obtain any necessary additional guidance.
- Close contacts will be notified and provided guidance on re-entry criteria, if quarantined.
- The District Lead Nurse will submit a report to Texas Education Agency (TEA) each Monday for the prior seven days (Sunday-Monday).

Nurse Clinics

- Campuses will implement protocols for students who require additional support from clinic staff (diabetics, asthmatics, epileptics, medications, etc.) as well as routine care for illness or injury.
- Visits to the school clinic will be for essential services only.
- Teachers will be provided with a guide and supplies needed to address minor issues in the classroom.
- Students will be required to visit the clinic for assessment before calling a parent or parents picking them up. If a student calls their parent/guardian to pick them up, the student will be sent to the nurse prior to their release for an assessment.
- SFISD staff are encouraged to reach out to the Coordinator for Benefits and Risk Management for health and wellness resources, which include RediMD, Life Works, and insurance benefits.

Visitors/Meal Deliveries

- At this time, the District is discouraging visitors from coming on to District facilities except for those essential to school operations.
- Employees will not open the doors to any visitors.
- In situations where a visitor must be physically present, as determined by the building principal or central office department head, the visitor shall schedule an appointment.
- Meal drop-offs or deliveries will be allowed.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

- The district conducts persistent cleaning and disinfecting daily and as needed, including the use of handheld electrostatic misters.
- Updated ventilation systems allows for more outside air in addition to increased frequency of air filter changes.
- Transportation services disinfect at the conclusion of each shift and as needed with the assistance of handheld electrostatic misters.
- Signs promoting infection control and safety measures will be posted throughout schools.
- Health Services will monitor campus and district trends in addition to county trends.

- Local COVID-19 testing sites and vaccination sites/providers will be listed on the Health Services page of the District's website.

Campus Procedures

- Classrooms
 - Students are encouraged to have their own supplies.
 - Social distance should be a focus in each classroom's floor plan. The CDC recommends 3 feet distance in a school setting.
 - Teachers will prepare seating charts and update them when any changes occur.
 - Seating charts will be provided to an appointed central office staff member and the nurse to be used for contact tracing purposes.
 - Classrooms will utilize measures to provide as much social distancing as possible.
- Restrooms
 - Some sinks have been marked as non-useable wash areas to promote social distancing.
 - Water fountains or water bottle filling stations are available for use for refilling drink containers. Drinking from water fountains will not be allowed.
 - Additional restroom procedures will be developed by each campus as needed.
- Cafeteria
 - Cafeteria procedures will be developed and followed according to CDC guidelines and shall promote social distancing as feasible.
 - Cafeteria layout plans with seating charts shall be prepared and provided to the appointed central office staff member and nurse for contact tracing purposes. Seating charts shall be updated when any changes occur. Verification for contact tracing of student seating may be done through video monitoring systems.
 - Cafeteria, serving, and eating areas will be cleaned between uses.
- Hallways
 - Hallway traffic flow will be determined by each campus and be dependent on current virus trends.
- Clinics
 - *See Nurse Clinics above
- School/Extracurricular activities
 - Extracurricular activities will be scheduled with preventative safeguards in place guided by TEA, UIL, State, and local health authorities.
 - Parents and students will be provided the option of participation. All extra events will be **optional**.

Continuity of Services

- Academic needs
 - The recommended procedures will be applied to all classroom settings, including special education services when possible and appropriate.
 - Individual student needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- Social and emotional needs
 - SFISD counselors are available to support students academically, socially, and emotionally.
 - SEL training provided for administrators, faculty, and staff.
 - Telehealth (TCHAT) services are available at the Alternative Learning Campus (ALC), upon counselor referral.

- Outside agency support is available through the Santa Fe Resiliency Center, Gulf Coast Mental Health Center, or other physician through the student's/staff's individual insurance provider.
- Health and nutrition needs
 - Free breakfast and lunch will be available to every student on campus.
 - Health Services will be available to support students in need.