



Harris County School District

Protocol for Healthy Schools

Effective July 1, 2023

Common Communication Regarding Sick Persons at School

- Persons with a fever of 100.4 or greater, or who are sick, or who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home to avoid infecting others. Parents/guardians are asked to please take their children's temperatures each morning before school.
- Persons who are determined to be sick while at school must go home. Parents/guardians will be called and required to pick up students from school. Sick students will be placed in a supervised but separated area until their parents arrive.
- Students and employees must be symptom-free and fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school or work.

Masks/Face Covering Requirements

- Masks or appropriate face coverings are optional for all faculty, staff, students, and guests in school district facilities.
- Masks or appropriate face coverings are optional for all persons who ride the school bus.

RECOMMENDATIONS for Measures of Illness Prevention

- Stay home when sick.
- Maintain at least three-six feet distance between each person when feasible.
- Wear appropriate face coverings that cover nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid sharing items (pencils, other school supplies, food, drinks, etc.)
- Cover cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Cough or sneeze into elbow if tissue is not available.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing.



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Precautions for Monitoring Health Care

Take precautionary measures when someone notices or has complaints of persons who are displaying any of the following symptoms:

Fever	Shortness of breath	Chest pain
Chills	Cough	Nausea/vomiting
Sore throat	Runny nose	Diarrhea
Sneezing	Muscle or body aches	Loss of taste or smell
Headache	Fatigue	Rash

**Seek immediate care if a person has trouble breathing, persistent chest pain or pressure, inability to stay awake, new confusion, or blue lips/face.*

Health professionals indicate that following these safety measures reduces, but does not eliminate, the health and safety risks from COVID-19 and other illnesses.

