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RETURN TO LEARN SAFETY PROTOCOLS 2022-2023

The protocols in this document are developed with guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the State of Texas Governor's Office, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Texas School Safety Center (TSSC), local government entities, as well as input from APISD Administration. **The protocols outlined in this document are subject to change based on the most up-to-date information made available to APISD.**

Please contact the campus nurse for COVID-19 questions or concerns you may have concerning COVID-related procedures and protocols.

APHS	361-758-3248
AC Blunt	361-758-2711
Charlie Marshall Elementary	361-758-3455
HT Faulk Elementary	361-758-3141

Visitors and Meetings

- Visitors will be allowed only for pertinent school business in an effort to minimize the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.
- Campus-called parent-teacher conferences are permitted. Conferences will be held socially distanced and masks will be encouraged.

Screening

- APISD asks individuals to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day. Employees and students must notify the school system if they are test-confirmed with COVID-19 and remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below.
- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school. **Parents should not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19.**

Positive COVID-19 Cases Or COVID-19 Related Symptoms

- If a student tests positive for COVID-19 or believes he/she has symptoms related to COVID-19, they should call their campus nurse prior to coming to school.

- If an employee tests positive for COVID-19 or believes they have symptoms related to COVID-19, they should call their immediate supervisor at earliest opportunity. The supervisor should call/text Wayne Bennett at ext 1003 or call Sally McCutchan at ext 3030. **Employees will need to call Pam Bennett for isolation dates and other pertinent information.**
- When a student has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment. Students will be sent home if the nurse determines the symptoms may be from COVID-19.
- Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are test-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) are determined to have the symptoms of COVID-19, must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until all conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
 - 5 days have passed since the date of a POSITIVE COVID test result. Test date day 0.
 - At least 24 hours have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications) and
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

***Parents MUST contact the campus nurse prior to sending a student back to school if the absence was due to any COVID related isolation.**

***Employees MUST contact Human Resources, Pam Bennett at 361-758-4200 or pbennett@apisd.org prior to returning to work if you have missed work due to any COVID related isolation.**

○ If the individual has tested positive for COVID-19 and believes the test was a false positive, and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis, though for health privacy reasons the note does not need to indicate what the alternative diagnosis is, or (b) obtain two PCR acute infection tests (at a physician's office, approved testing location, or other site) at least 24 hours apart that come back negative for COVID-19.

○ APISD may request a medical note in any situation where the above standards are not clearly met.

Notifications (NOTE: No official word from TEA on required notifications at this point.)

- Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must make it known to the public if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on-campus activities.
- APISD will send out notifications to each secondary campus where a COVID positive individual has been present.
- APISD will send out notifications to each elementary classroom where a COVID positive individual has been present.
- Extracurricular cohorts will be notified by their sponsor/coach when a COVID positive individual has been present.
- APISD will post weekly COVID counts for the district and for each campus at www.apisd.org/covid.
- The District is required to report positive cases to the Department of State Health Services.

Absences

If a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID, the school/teacher will implement the following:

- The teacher will work with the student and parent to provide make-up work to the student, understanding there is not a remote instruction option available.
- Teachers may utilize the appropriate LMS (i.e. Google Classroom) to provide students with work to be completed.
- The student will submit make-up work as noted in the student handbook (one school day per day of absence) after returning to school.
- Devices may be sent home with isolating students upon principal approval.

Additional Mitigation Procedures

- Staff will have access to disinfectant supplies to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects regularly.
- Staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in all classrooms, and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Staff and students will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands.
- Some custodial staff will work during school hours to ensure the cleanest and safest learning environment. The custodial staff will clean each classroom and use the electrostatic foggers each day in all areas of the building.
- Restrooms and bottle-refillable water fountains will be disinfected twice per day.
- The cafeteria will be disinfected between lunch periods.
- Custodial and Transportation Staff will have access to disinfectant supplies to sanitize working surfaces and shared objects after each use and during breaks in instruction. Appropriate supplies will be made available to classroom staff as needed.
- Custodial staff will electrostatically disinfect classrooms, restrooms, the athletic facilities, weight room and all additional areas in the building on a rotating basis.

Transportation

- Buses will be disinfected daily.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided on all buses.

Off-Campus Student Activities

- Student participation in extracurricular contests (Athletics, UIL, etc...) will be allowed. Fans will also be permitted to attend these events with no limitations unless District, UIL, or TEA guidelines state otherwise.
- All field trips require approval of the campus principal.

On Campus Activities

- All school wide events (pep rallies, student assemblies, informational meetings, etc...) will be allowed. Parents and community member attendance will be limited during instructional hours. After hours, there are no current limitations unless District, UIL, or TEA guidelines state otherwise.

- Students and spectators will not be required to wear face coverings but are highly recommended.

COVID-19 Testing

- APISD has rapid COVID tests.
- Testing allotments are based upon staff and student counts. You must be a student or staff member employed by the school system, or a school board member to be eligible to receive testing.
- Testing procedures and protocols are available on our website at www.apisd.org/covid.
- [COVID-19 Testing Plan](#)