

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

School Year 2021-2022

Masks

We know that the number one way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is masking. We strongly encourage everyone, whether vaccinated or not, to wear a mask when indoors and around others who are not in their immediate household. Those who are unvaccinated are especially encouraged to wear a mask. Masks cannot be required for students, staff or visitors, per [Governor Abbott's Executive Order](#).

Screening and Temperature Checks

We strongly encourage all individuals to [screen for symptoms per CDC guidelines](#) before coming to campus. The COVID-19 Screen & Go on the AISD mobile app can still be used as a screening option for students and staff. AISD will no longer be performing temperature checks or asking screening questions upon entry to facilities, as the [CDC recommends](#) screening should happen before leaving home. Anyone who is sick should stay home and contact their campus immediately.

Cleaning

AISD will follow the [CDC's recommended cleaning guidelines for schools](#). We'll clean and disinfect highly touched surfaces and areas frequently, and will do so immediately if a sick individual has been in the room.

Sick Individuals

If you or your child are feeling sick, regardless of whether you're vaccinated or not, please stay home and contact your physician and campus as soon as possible. Anyone who is sick will need to isolate at home for 10 days. Those who show symptoms can return early if they receive a doctor's note stating they do not have COVID-19 or receive a negative result from a PCR test. Rapid antigen testing will still be available in campus health rooms at the start of the school year.

Quarantine

Anyone who is unvaccinated and has had contact with someone that has tested positive will be required to quarantine for 10-14 days. Vaccinated individuals will not need to quarantine if they come in close contact with someone who tests positive.

Classrooms

Frequent cleaning will take place. There will be assigned seating to assist with contact tracing. Physical distancing of 3 feet or more will take place when feasible, per CDC guidelines. Plexiglass will be placed in classrooms and across campuses. In addition, we will be providing a HEPA air filtration system within each classroom.

COVID-19 Vaccines

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine helps to lower your chances of getting COVID-19, spreading it to others, and ending up in the hospital. The district is partnering with local organizations to provide COVID-19 vaccine opportunities to students, staff, families, and the community. Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is not required, but strongly encouraged. [Our vaccine clinic opportunities are available online.](#)

COVID-19 Rapid Testing

COVID-19 rapid antigen testing will still be available in campus health rooms at the start of the school year for those needing it. Testing is not a requirement. Please [contact your school nurse](#) for more information.

Buses

Buses will go back to operating at full capacity. However, seating charts will be required, hand sanitizer will be readily available, students in the same household will sit together, and daily cleaning will continue. We will continue to encourage students to wear masks while on the bus.

Cafeteria

All students will go back to eating breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria, unless your school was a Breakfast in the Classroom campus pre-pandemic. There will be assigned seating, and students will follow social distancing as space permits. Hand washing or using hand sanitizer will be required before going through the food line and eating areas will be cleaned between students.

If you have any questions, please reach out through [Let's Talk](#).

Please note that while we do not expect many or any changes to the above protocols, we will continue to adjust protocols and communicate any changes as new governmental mandates and health authority recommendations are given.