

HCSD Mitigating Strategies for Infectious Illnesses

This document provides parents and stakeholders with updated mitigation strategies to be implemented for the 22-23 school year. Last year's strategies are provided to emphasize changes.

Mitigating Strategy	HCSD: 21-22	HCSD: 22-23
Cloth/Paper Masks	Optional, encouraged	Masks are Optional
Physical/Social Distancing	Encouraged	Social distancing will be encouraged when possible.
Screening for students	Temperature Checks	The district will conduct NO mass screenings. Symptomatic students will be referred to the clinic.
Screening for employees	None	The district will conduct NO mass screenings. Symptomatic employees will be referred to the clinic.
Screening for visitors	Screening questions on kiosk.	Visitors will be asked general health questions on the kiosk. Examples: fever, vomiting, shortness of breath, etc.
Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette	Continue to promote. Kindergarten class instruction provided by school nurse. Signage posted by school nurse. Teachers provide time for handwashing and verbal prompts (when reinforcing needed).	The district will continue to promote sound, common sense hygiene. Examples: 1st Week of School: Handwashing videos for K-8th. Kindergarten class instruction provided by school nurse. Signage posted by school nurse. Teachers will provide time for handwashing and verbal prompts (when reinforcing needed).
Staying home when sick	72 hours. Letter sent out at the beginning of the year stating the illness absence could range from 24 hours, 72 hours, or 10 days	The district will require a minimum of 24 hours absent. Before returning to school/work, the student/employee must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications, and symptoms must be improved. Illness absences could range from 24 hrs-72 hrs-10 days, depending on local circumstances.

Contact Tracing	Yes	The district will no longer conduct contact tracing.
Cleaning & Disinfecting	Yes. Notify Facilities when a COVID + case has been in the building via a work order.	Yes. School officials will notify Facilities when a COVID positive case has been in the building and the area will be cleaned thoroughly.
Vaccination	Promote vaccination to parents, offering school site opportunities for employees and families.	The district will offer employee flu/COVID vaccine opportunities. School nurse will continue to educate parents.
Masks for symptomatic children	Symptomatic students were given a mask while waiting for a parent.	Parents will be notified to pick up symptomatic students. The School Nurse will ask parents for permission to mask the student while he/she waits in the clinic. The school will provide physical distance of 6 ft. between symptomatic individuals and other students and staff. Nurses will mask while caring for symptomatic students.

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Mask on buses	Yes, when it was required. Students on modified quarantine wore masks. Students on isolation during days 6-10 wore a mask.	None
COVID testing at school	None at this time.	None
Isolate (COVID +)	Followed CDC guidance. Home for 10 days, then reduced mid-year to 5 days (wore a mask days 6-10).	COVID positive individuals must isolate at home for 5 days. They may return to school/work on days 6-10 provided they are asymptomatic. No mask will be required on days 6-10. *New guidance issued on 8/11/22-If after ending isolation, the COVID symptoms worsen, individual must restart isolation at day 0.
Quarantine (Exposed to a COVID positive individual).	Modified quarantine. May quarantine at home or may choose to attend school wearing a mask for 10 days.	If identified as a direct contact by health officials, students and staff may attend school/work without wearing a mask, as long as they remain asymptomatic. *If they become symptomatic, they must stay home 5 days from the onset of symptoms and may return on day 6 as long as fever-free and symptoms have improved. No mask required on days 6-10. This will only apply when we have been notified by DPH that an individual is on quarantine.
Athlete Questionnaire	Parents were required to complete a student athlete questionnaire after a COVID + illness.	No athletic questionnaires will be required. If a student is hospitalized, School Leaders/Coaches must require a healthcare provider note that clears the students to play, regardless of diagnosis, before they can return to practice/competition.
Blended Learning Groups	Students that opted for the CDC defined quarantine participated in Blended Learning Groups.	Quarantines are no longer required within the HCSD. If the family chooses a CDC defined quarantine (after an exposure outside of school), the family is encouraged to work directly with the teacher to obtain missing work. If student has a high absence rate, a note from a healthcare provider or public health official may be requested from the family.
Reports to DPH	Daily reports sent to DPH. State reports sent on Fridays (was discontinued in the Spring per the state).	Daily reports of COVID positive cases will be sent to the local DPH.
Hospitalized Employees/Students	Required a note from the doctor with a return date.	Require a note from the doctor with a return date. The hospitalized email template will be sent by the nurse or designated staff person to the employee.

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