

CISD COVID POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Cushing ISD has reevaluated school procedures and guidelines as it relates to the health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff while reducing the impact of Covid-19.

The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), Texas State Health Department (DSHS), and other federal, state, and local agencies as well as input from parents, students, and employees via the health and safety survey.

The following is a list of procedures that CISD will immediately begin to follow for 2021-2022 school year. Please know that this situation is constantly evolving, and adjustments will be made as the need arises to maintain a healthy and safe school environment.

Symptoms Covid-19 symptoms are defined as a new onset of the following: chills, extreme fatigue with no known cause, muscle or body aches, congestion or runny nose, cough, fever, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea. If the nurse determines that a student or staff member is displaying symptoms consistent with Covid, the student/staff will be sent home.

Reporting-Nurse's Office

Parents and staff are still required to report positive COVID -19 cases to the School Nurse, Charity Alvy. Please email her at calvy@cushingisd.org. Her office number is 936-326-4271 ext. 243. The Nurse will set up date of re-entry.

Students or Staff who have a Lab-confirmed Positive COVID test

Students testing positive for Covid must quarantine for 10 days from the date of the positive test results. They may return to school after 10 days if no symptoms remain.

Staff testing positive for Covid must quarantine for 5 days from the date of the positive test results

When Exposed to a Member of the Household or a Close Contact who is Covid-positive

For All Students:

Students are **NOT** required to quarantine but must have a negative test between days 3 and 5 **AND** continue to be asymptomatic to remain at school.

For All Staff:

Staff is not required to quarantine.

Other Information:

Masks

Masks are **strongly encouraged if you have a member of the household with a positive test or have been recently exposed to covid.**

Social Distancing

We will social distance, when possible, in our classrooms and at lunch. Social distancing is not feasible in all situations.

Handwashing

Students and staff will be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and throughout the buildings. Please review with students when and how to wash hands.

School Transportation

Students will only be permitted to ride on their **assigned** bus due to assigned seating and capacity.

Families are encouraged to use personal transportation in order to decrease the number of students on buses.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping all our students and staff at Cushing ISD safe and healthy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Campus Principal or School Nurse.