

2021-2022 COVID-19 PROCEDURES



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 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.

Masks

Masks are **strongly encouraged**. Because the Delta Variant is highly contagious, CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status. (CDC update 7-27-21)

Social Distancing

We will social distance, when possible, in our classrooms and at lunch. Social distancing is not feasible in all situations. Masks are **strongly encouraged** in these instances.

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.

Prescreening

Temperature checks will be done daily before admittance at both campuses and mid-day at the elementary.

Bus Riders:

All riders will be required to prescreen before getting on a bus. If student has fever of 100.0 or greater, **the student will not be allowed on bus.**

An adult responsible for the supervision of the student(s) must be present at the bus stop until each child passes prescreen criteria and is cleared by health monitor to get on the bus.

- Masks are **strongly encouraged** for all bus riders as social distancing is *NOT* possible.
- PPE/Mask equipment is **strongly encouraged** for health monitors performing prescreening
- 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.**

Car Riders:

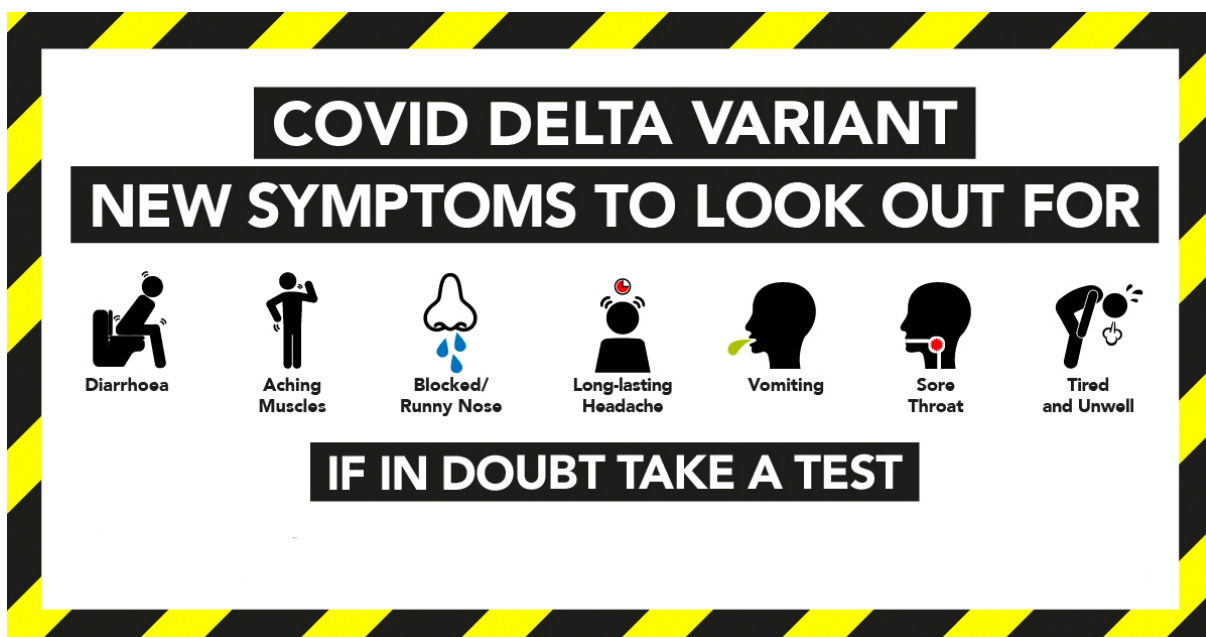
All elementary students will be required to prescreen before exiting the vehicle. If student has fever of 100.0 or greater, **the student will not be allowed into the building.**

All JHHS students will be required to prescreen outside before entering the main JHHS entrance. If student has fever of 100.0 or greater, **the student will not be allowed into the building.**

- PPE/Mask equipment is **strongly encouraged** for health monitors performing prescreening.

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 – School Nurse

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.

CISD is still required to report positive cases to our community, TEA, and Texas Department of Health.

- If a student is confirmed positive, parents of students in the same grade level as the student who tested positive will be notified through K12Alerts messaging. Names of students who have tested positive will NOT be disclosed.
- A dashboard of current positive cases District-wide will be updated weekly on the Cushing ISD website. See <https://www.cushingisd.org/covid19>

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

Students and staff 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.

It is important to understand that wearing a mask/facial covering will ensure that students/staff are not identified as a close contact for the purpose of quarantine.

Quarantine period when exposed to a member of the household or a close contact who is Covid-positive as defined by CDC [Appendices | CDC](#)

For Non-Immunized Individuals

- May return to campus at 7 days with a negative test between days 5-7 and asymptomatic
OR
- May return to campus at 10 days without testing and asymptomatic

Immunized Individuals

Student/ Staff that can provide proof of immunization will not be required to isolate if asymptomatic. However, in accordance with CDC guidelines they will need to test between days 3-5 and be negative.

Student/ Staff that can provide proof of having tested positive for COVID and/or antibodies within the last 90 days will not be required to isolate but must also test negative within 3-5 days of possible exposure.

PRESCREENING GUIDE FOR PARENTS



CAN MY CHILD GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

ANSWER THE 3 QUESTIONS IN THE BLUE BOXES

Do you believe your child may have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19?

YES

- Stay at home
- Inform the school
- Call your healthcare provider
- Students must stay home for 10 days from date of last contact with positive individual.

NO

- Come to school.
- If your child has not been absent for illness, they may go directly to class.
- If your child has been absent, follow school policy.

Does your child have one or more of these High Risk symptoms?

(Fever of 100.0°F or higher, cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell)

OR

Does your child have TWO or more of these Low Risk symptoms?

(Sore throat, nasal congestion, nasal discharge, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle aches, headache, or fatigue.)

YES

- Stay at home
- Inform the school
- Call your healthcare provider if symptoms worsen.

NO

- Come to school.
- If your child has not been absent for illness, they may go directly to class.
- If your child has been absent, follow school policy.

Does your child have ONE of these Low Risk symptoms?

(Sore throat, nasal congestion, nasal discharge, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle aches, headache, or fatigue.)

YES

- Stay at home
- Inform the school
- Call your healthcare provider if symptoms worsen.

NO

- Come to school.
- If your child has not been absent for illness, they may go directly to class.
- If your child has been absent, follow school policy.

Has your child been symptom free for 24 hours AND has remained fever free without medication?

YES

- Come to school.
- If your child has been absent, follow school policy.

NO

Follow **RETURN-TO-SCHOOL Criteria**

***Notify the school if your child tests positive and follow RETURN-TO-SCHOOL criteria before returning to school**

RETURN-TO-SCHOOL CRITERIA:

If your child has fever or other symptoms that could be from COVID-19 and does not get tested **OR** is not cleared by their healthcare provider, it is assumed the child has COVID-19 and may not return to school until the following 3 criteria are met:

1. Has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
2. **AND** child has improved symptoms
3. **AND** at least 10 days have past since symptoms first appeared.