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September 7, 2021

To our HISD Family:

Please be informed that HISD in-person instruction will resume on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

We will be implementing protocols at our schools based on the best science for preventing the spread of COVID-19. These include:

- Asking all individuals to be mindful of distance from others when possible
- Encouraging everyone to wash their hands with soap frequently for at least 20 seconds
- Working with our custodial staff to ensure that we are thoroughly disinfecting all buses and building surfaces on a continual basis
- Taking temperatures of all students, staff, and visitors when entering a building or school bus

We will also now require all individuals within a household to stay at home if there is a COVID-19 positive individual residing in the home. On September 2nd, TEA allowed for school districts to take this measure in order to decrease the exposure of COVID-19 in schools. HISD employees affected by COVID-19 (either positive or close contact), please contact your immediate supervisor for further guidance on your duties.

HISD will continue to rapid test, with parent permission, students who are symptomatic for COVID-19. Students who do not wish to test but are symptomatic will be sent home, as per our non-COVID health protocols. Teachers who have been in close contact with a positive individual but have been vaccinated will be rapid tested periodically. Please contact your campus nurse for further information.

Meals are available from 11:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. at the Woolls Cafeteria for any student who has tested positive for COVID-19 or resides in a household with another member who has tested positive.

Scheduled activities and contests will be held on a case-by-case basis, and as member attendance allows. Please contact your building principal, coach, or sponsor for information concerning specific events.

I continue to urge that we protect ourselves from this virus. HISD will be able to stay open if our positivity rate is low. Please take personal precautions, wear masks if possible, test when you are symptomatic, and stay at home if you or someone in your home is COVID-19 positive. Please communicate with us if you should have any questions or need to report on your or your child's status.

I want to thank all of you for your understanding, patience, and support as we work through these difficult times. HISD will make announcements and provide direction to all concerned individuals as policies and guidance from governing entities continue to change. If we remain mindful, we will be able to keep our community safe while still allowing our students the fullest educational experience possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Truelock', written over a white background.

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