



Frankston Independent School District

FISD COVID-19 Testing Protocol

This Policy was created using TEA public health guidance, local public health authorities, local legal counsel and CDC recommendations. This policy is subject to change or addition as new information becomes available. FISD reserves the right to have the final decision in determining whether or not to quarantine students or staff members for the safety of all.

Daily screening:

Parents must ensure that they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (listed below), is lab confirmed with COVID-19, or has been exposed to a lab-confirmed case through close contact and instead should contact their campus for details pertaining to continued classroom instruction during the quarantine period.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our employees and students, FISD asks that parents screen their children daily for any COVID-19 symptoms.

COVID-19 symptoms:

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include feeling feverish, fever of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or greater; loss of taste or smell; cough; difficulty breathing; shortness of breath; fatigue; headache; chills; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; shaking or exaggerated shivering; significant muscle pain or ache; diarrhea; and nausea or vomiting.

Testing:

Frankston ISD is participating in the COVID-19 Testing Program for Texas Schools, which provides testing for staff and students free of charge.

Testing is completely voluntary and requires written consent. The test is a nasal swab with results available in about 15 minutes.

Antigen testing will be offered by trained medical staff when symptoms are present. Students and staff may choose to get tested at another testing facility. Screening testing will also be offered by trained medical staff at specific days and times for asymptomatic students and staff. These days and times will be posted on the FISD website.

See the resource section for local testing facilities.

Reporting:

If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, FISD will notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)



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and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FISD will also make report to the vendor of the COVID-19 testing kits.

FISD will exclude students from attending school in person who have or are suspected of having COVID-19 and will immediately notify the student parents if this is determined while on campus. The parent will be asked to take their student home or to the nearest health center, depending on the severity of symptoms.

All confirmed positive case numbers for each FISD campus will be posted on the FISD website.

Masks:

Neither students nor staff will be required to wear a mask. FISD respects the right of both students and staff to wear a mask if they choose.

Re-entry criteria for children (*Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met*):

Children who have symptoms may return to school after the following criteria has been met:

1. Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications
2. Symptom improvement; and
3. At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared with the first day of symptoms being day 0 (may return on day 6).

**Students and staff may wear a mask if they choose when returning to school during days 6-10 after COVID-19 symptoms or positive test.*

Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms may return to school after the following criteria has been met:

1. At least 5 days after the day they were tested with the first day of symptoms being day 0 (may return on day 6).

If the student has tested positive for COVID-19 or is showing symptoms of COVID, but wants to return to campus before the above criteria has been met, the student must either:

1. Obtain a medical professional's note clearing the employee for return based on an alternative diagnosis, though for health privacy reasons the note does not need to indicate what the alternative diagnosis is, or
2. Receive a documented negative COVID-19 test from an approved testing center.

Student Athletes:

In addition to the listed criteria above, is strongly recommended that a student athlete who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 receive clearance from a physician (or a physician-approved delegate) prior to returning to participation in UIL marching band or athletic activities.



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Re-Entry Criteria for Employees with Symptoms:

Employees must contact their immediate supervisor if they begin experience symptoms.

Employees experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must remain off campus until the following re-entry criteria are met:

1. Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications
2. Symptom improvement; and
3. At least five days have passed since symptoms first appeared with the first day of symptoms being day 0 (may return on day 6).

Re-Entry Criteria for Employees without Symptoms:

If the employee is asymptomatic but has received a positive COVID-19 test result, the employee may not return to campus until the following criteria has been met

1. At least five days have passed since a positive test with the first day of symptoms being day 0 (may return on day 6).

If the employee has tested positive for COVID-19 or has symptoms of COVID-19, but wants to return to campus before the above criteria has been met, the employee must either:

3. Obtain a medical professional's note clearing the employee for return based on an alternative diagnosis, though for health privacy reasons the note does not need to indicate what the alternative diagnosis is, or
4. Receive a documented negative COVID-19 test from an approved testing center. See resources for approved testing centers.



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COVID-19 Resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

[Guidance for School Administrators to Help Reduce the Spread of Seasonal Influenza in K-12 Schools](#)

[About Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

U.S. Department of Education:

[COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) information and resources page for schools and school personnel](#)

Texas Association of School Boards (TASB):

<https://www.tasb.org/covid-19-resources.aspx>

Texas Department of State Health Services

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Texas Flu](#)

Texas Department of Agriculture

[SquareMeals During Coronavirus](#)

University Interscholastic League (UIL):

[UIL](#)

TEA:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Support and Guidance | Texas Education Agency](#)

The American Academy of Pediatrics

[COVID-19 Interim Guidance: Return to Sports and Physical Activity \(aap.org\)](#)

COVID.gov (resources including free home tests)

[COVID.gov - Find COVID-19 guidance for your community](#)