

Parent FAQs for Return to School Year 2021/2022

1. What about face coverings?

- a. **Per GA-36, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a face covering.**
 - i. **Your child may wear a mask if he/she chooses to do so.**
- b. CDC recommends wearing a face covering when:
 - i. You are in indoor public spaces if not fully vaccinated and aged 2 or older
 - ii. Around an unvaccinated population
 - iii. If you are immunocompromised

2. Will McKinney ISD be offering an online learning option for the 2021–2022 school year?

- a. No, McKinney ISD will not be offering an online learning option for this school year. The Texas legislature failed to pass House Bill 1468, a bill that would have funded the necessary staffing and resources required to continue online learning in McKinney ISD for this school year. In addition, the Texas Education Agency is not granting funding waivers for online learners. The district will be utilizing health protocols, sanitization procedures, and Covid-19 mitigation measures at all campuses.

3. What do I do if my child has signs and/or symptoms of general illness or if my child has signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19 before the school day starts?

- a. Notify the campus nurse and stay home if your child has:
 - i. Fever of 100.0 or greater (general illness)
 - ii. Diarrhea (general illness)
 - iii. Signs and symptoms of possible COVID-19
 1. At least two of the following:
 - a. Fever (subjective or measured), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, congestion, or runny nose **OR**
 2. At least one of the following:
 - a. Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder **AND**
 3. No alternative is more likely

4. What do I do if my child has been exposed to a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19?

- a. If your child is fully vaccinated ≥ 2 weeks after his/her second vaccination of a 2- dose series **OR** ≥ 2 weeks after a one dose vaccination, your child may return to school.
- b. If your child is not fully vaccinated, and he/she is exposed, talk to your Healthcare Provider for further guidance.

5. When can my child return to school after illness?

- a. Your child may return to school after illness if he/she is:
 - i. Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication
 - ii. Diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of diarrhea suppression medication
 - iii. Return to school after **symptoms** of COVID-19
 1. Receive a negative COVID-19 lab test **OR**
 2. 10 days have passed since symptom onset **OR**
 3. Get an alternative diagnosis from your Healthcare Provider

- iv. If COVID-19 **positive**:
 - 1. Return to school **ONLY** if symptoms resolved after 10 days from symptom onset **OR**
 - 2. If no symptoms the date of test
 - 3. Must discuss with campus nurse prior to return

6. What do I do if my child will miss an extended number of days due to COVID-19 illness?

- a. Please notify your child's teacher(s), so the teacher(s) may work with you on class assignments.

7. Will the school be routinely disinfected?

- a. Our custodial service will continue to use routine nightly cleaning. Extra cleaning will take place on an as needed basis. Health Services will work with custodial if fogging is needed.
- b. Signage about illness and entering the school will be placed on campus doors, COVID-19 questions **DO NOT** have to be asked prior to entering the building.
- c. Staff will have access to disinfectant spray bottles with custodians refilling as needed.
- d. Equipment shared between buildings will be disinfected prior to moving to the next building.

8. What can I do to mitigate infectious disease?

- a. Monitor your health.
- b. Practice frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing.
 - i. Rub hands vigorously with soap and water for 20 seconds.
 - ii. Use 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- c. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trashcan.
 - i. If no tissue is available, cough/sneeze into the crook of your arm and wash your hands.
- d. If unvaccinated, wear a face covering when around others outside of your home.
- e. If vaccinated, consider wearing a face covering when inside and around large groups.
- f. Stay away from others that are sick.
- g. Socially distance as feasible.
- h. Stay home if you are sick.
- i. Report any concerns of illness in your child to the campus nurse immediately.

9. Do I need to report lab-confirmed COVID-19 to the school district?

- a. Yes - Health Services requests to be notified if your child is lab-confirmed positive for COVID-19

10. Will I be notified of my teacher's vaccination status?

- a. No. McKinney ISD has hosted numerous vaccination clinics, making the vaccine available for our staff members. However, receiving the vaccine is not mandated, and the district will not require MISD staff to disclose their vaccination status.