

## NHISD Current Covid-19 Related Processes:

### I. **If Individuals with Test-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School:**

Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a classroom or extracurricular or after-school program cohort if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participated in those classrooms or cohorts. (Notifications will be sent via text alert and narrowed down as far as possible to groups, classes, and grade levels as applicable to contact). NHISD will also determine all close contacts and reach out to families and individuals via phone for close contact status.

### II. **Students Who Have COVID-19:**

As provided in this Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19, and must immediately notify parents if this is determined while on campus.

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. See the DSHS rule for more details, including the conditions for ending the exclusion period and returning to school.

During the exclusion period, the school system may deliver remote instruction consistent with the practice of remote conferencing outlined in the proposed Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH) rules.

**FOR STUDENT ATHLETES:** In addition to the criteria and processes described above, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) requires that a student who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must receive clearance from a physician prior to returning to participation in UIL marching band or athletic activities.

### **Additional Learning Minute Opportunities:**

Beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021, NHISD will begin opening classroom doors at 7:30 A.M. for students to be able to join a classroom setting for additional instructional assistance and reinforcement.

NHISD continues to strongly encourage the wearing of masks while positive cases and symptoms are on the rise.

For any Covid-19 questions or concerns, please call the school nurse at 903-945-2192, ext 8014. Please keep in mind that this is a very fluid situation, and guidelines and processes may change as needs develop.