

Skidmore-Tynan ISD

Safety Protocols 2021-2022

As of August 5, 2021

Skidmore-Tynan ISD plans to return to 100% in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year. We are excited to welcome everyone back into our buildings. At this time, no remote learning options will be offered and face coverings, while highly recommended, will be optional, regardless of vaccination status. Currently, per **Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order**, Skidmore-Tynan ISD cannot legally require masks and the State will not fund a remote learning option. Other districts receiving federal funds may offer a form of remote learning; however, we are unable to provide remote learning other than limited homebound instruction offered for significant medical conditions.

We will continue to monitor and reassess as conditions dictate. **The District may need to change protocols at any time to address specific needs and circumstances in order to protect the health and safety of students.** employees and the community. The following guidelines are in accordance with direction from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the State of Texas.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are strongly recommended, but will not be required for staff, students or visitors. An individual may choose to wear a mask if desired and additional masks will be available. Campuses will work to ensure no student is treated differently as a result of the choice to wear a mask or not wear a mask.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to recommend that individuals two and older who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear masks indoors. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained. To be clear, while CDC and APA recommend wearing masks, the Governor's order cited above requires mask wearing as voluntary.

COVID-19 Reporting/Tracking

As partners working together to maintain a healthy school environment, we ask parents and employees to report confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 to the school district. Parents should report positive cases to the school nurse; employees should report to their immediate supervisor. At this time, the District will not administer a COVID-19 Dashboard. Staff will not conduct close contact reviews. Students and staff will not be required to quarantine for exposure, however; same household direct contact may be asked to test and/or quarantine. The District is still required, however, to report positive cases to Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Region 11, Public Health Authority

COVID-19 Positive Cases

If a student has a confirmed case of COVID, please contact the school nurse. Please refrain from sending symptomatic or sick students to school. If staff have a confirmed case of COVID, please contact their immediate supervisor. Staff should not report to work if they are sick or symptomatic.

Notifications will be sent to the class(es) of the student/staff who has a confirmed case. Additionally, for students riding a bus, notification will also be made to those on the bus.

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Per the CDC, those who test positive for COVID must isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test. Those who suspect they have COVID should isolate at least 10 days since the symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and other symptoms are improving. See "Absences" below.

Skidmore-Tynan ISD school nurses will continue to send students home who have a fever, diarrhea, are vomiting, lose sense of taste or smell, or display significant symptoms of illness

Absences

If a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID, the school/teacher will implement the following:

- The teacher will work with the student and parent to provide make-up work to the student,
- The student will submit make-up work as noted in the student handbook (one school day per day of absence) after returning to school
- Limited optional remote conferencing may be used up to 20 days over the school year. Instruction would be provided synchronously, real-time; live virtual instruction between teachers and students.

Employees must use personal leave time or comp time while they are isolating.

Vaccinations

Per **Gov. Abbott's order**, Skidmore-Tynan ISD cannot require students or staff to get vaccinated. At this time, the State of Texas has not added the COVID-19 vaccination to the required immunization list for students. Skidmore-Tynan ISD cannot require students or staff to report vaccination status.

Visitors & Meetings

Visitors will be limited on campus according to COVID visiting rules. Meetings will not be allowed on campus without prior principal approval or arrangements.

Cleaning/Sanitation Protocols

Frequent cleaning and disinfection will support a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff. Skidmore-Tynan ISD will continue with cleaning and sanitization protocols in its buildings and campuses. Sanitization protocols will remain throughout all buildings. The District has Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and desk shields available for students or staff upon request.

Extra- and Co-Curricular Activities

All extra- and co-curricular activities will resume. Capacity or participation restrictions may be adjusted as conditions change. Students and spectators will not be required to wear face coverings, however, they are encouraged.

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Resources & Support

As we transition to a less restrictive learning environment with 100% capacities in our schools, Skidmore-Tynan ISD is committed to supporting our students and staff in their learning and working environments.

For social-emotional support, please contact your **school counselor**.

If a student has a health-related issue, please contact the school nurse.

Resources

VACCINES are available as follows:

- HEB Pharmacy - Pfizer (12 & older) & Moderna (18 & older) - call 361-358-3737
- Walgreens Pharmacy - Pfizer (12 & older) - call 361-362-0469 or register online www.walgreens.com
- Walmart - Moderna (18 & older)- call - 361-362-0661
- DSHS Immunization Program - Pfizer (12 & older) & Moderna (18 & older)- call 361-362-6162

COVID-19 Testing

- To register, call the Bee County COVID hotline Monday-Friday between 9am-12pm (CLOSED FOR LUNCH) 1pm-4pm at 361-492-5981. The COVID HOTLINE Staff will take your information over the phone. Please have your TX ID/DL and insurance card handy. If you do not have insurance, you will still be tested. Testing is by appointment only. The staff will instruct you as to where to go for testing.
- Walgreens Pharmacy - call 361-362-0469 or register online www.walgreens.com
- NextCare Urgent Care - call 361-362-9711

- **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
- **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**
- **Texas Education Agency (TEA)**
- **University Interscholastic League (UIL)**