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BACK TO SCHOOL COVID PLAN 2021-2022

We are excited to welcome everyone back for the 2021-2022 school year! All instruction will take place in-person at our schools. Per Governor Abbott's executive order, face coverings (masks) are optional for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. There is no COVID-19 vaccination requirement for students, staff, or visitors.

The following information is a synopsis of our back to school plan for health and safety based on the latest information we have from the Texas Education Agency. You can view the complete plan at this [link](#).

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 will not be required for staff, student, or visitors. An individual may choose to wear a mask if desired and additional masks will be available. Campuses will be vigilant to ensure no student or staff member 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 recommended in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

VACCINATIONS

Per Governor Abbott's executive order, school districts may not require students or staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The state of Texas has not added the COVID-19 vaccination to the required immunization list for students. School districts cannot require students or staff to report vaccination status.



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COVID 19 REPORTING/TRACKING

As partners working together to maintain a healthy school environment, we ask parents and employees to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the school district. Parents should report positive cases to the school nurse; employees should report to our school nurse as well. The school district will not require students and staff to quarantine due to exposure. The school district is still required, however, to report positive cases to the Williamson County and Cities Health District and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

COVID 19 POSITIVE CASES

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

At this time, 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. When the school district receives confirmation that a student or staff member who has been on campus or at school activities during his/her infectious period has tested positive for COVID-19, a notification will be sent specifically to the groups in regular close contact. Since students younger than 12 are not yet eligible for vaccines, grade level notifications will be made to parents of students in grades PreK through 6th until vaccines are readily available.

Those who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and have a significant improvement in symptoms.

Granger ISD school nurse will continue to send students home who are sick with a communicable disease required by the state. Any student or staff with a fever greater than 100.4 F, vomiting and diarrhea will be required to go home until those individuals are fever, vomiting and diarrhea free for 24hrs without the use of medication that suppress symptoms (Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, Imodium, etc.)



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COVID-19 TESTING

Currently, Granger ISD has the ability to offer COVID-19 testing through Abbott BinaxNOW nasal swabs for staff. We are currently working on the protocols to allow for testing of students with parent permission. No testing will be given to any minor without the verbal or written consent of a parent. Once protocols have been approved, we will send out notification to parents to let you know that this option is available to you.

CLEANING/DISINFECTING

Frequent cleaning and disinfection will support a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff. Granger ISD will continue with cleaning and sanitization protocols in its buildings and campuses. Sanitization stations (Including disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer) will remain throughout all buildings. The district has Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available for students or staff upon request. Water bottle refilling stations will still be utilized, and we will also be allowing students to drink from the water fountains. We still recommend students bringing their own refillable water bottles to school to be able to provide more access to water.

VISITORS

This year, Granger ISD welcomes back our parents and visitors on our campus. Masks will be optional for our guest. If you find yourself ill, please refrain from coming up to the school for any reason. Due to spacing, we will not be allowed to have guests during breakfast and lunch. However, we welcome back parents to class parties, bringing lunch up for students, in-person teacher meetings, pep rallies and many other events COVID stopped us from coming to in the past.

All visitors will still be required to check in at the high school or elementary office before being allowed to be on campus. Always remember to bring your driver's license with you on campus so that we may perform our security check. Our safety is of the utmost important to our faculty and students.

ABSENCES

If a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID-19, the school/teacher will provide makeup work in a similar manner as for students absent for other reasons.

Employees will have to use personal leave while they are isolating.



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EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All extracurricular and co-curricular activities will resume with full capacity. Students nor spectators will be required to wear face coverings.

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

For social-emotional support, please contact the school counselor. If a student has a health-related issue, please contact the school nurse or the campus principal. Employees should contact Human Resources.

[Governor's Executive Order May 18, 2021](#)

[The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Texas Department of State Health Services \(DSHS\)](#)

[Texas Education Agency \(TEA\)](#)

[University Interscholastic League \(UIL\)](#)