



Making A Difference Everyday

MADE Houston 2021-2022 COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures

The responsibility for the safety of our community is a top priority. We need parents, friends, and other adults to help us in the fulfillment of that goal. In addition to the protocols listed below, we ask that you work with us to mitigate transmission of the COVID-19 virus by supporting our work inside and outside of the school. This includes responsible behavior, vaccination where available, and constructive conversations. Thank you for your support and continued diligence this year. We are happy to return to school to work with you and your children and provide a fun and supportive environment where our community can thrive!

Please keep in mind that our policies and procedures may differ from those set forth by various ISDs or Private Schools. Specifically, they may be more stringent in response to students and families requiring the school community to be more vigilant and considerate of health related issues.

These procedures may be revised as more updated information and guidelines become available

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- Quarantine and Isolation Time frames
- Return to School Criteria

Masks

All students, staff, volunteers, and visitors will be required to wear a mask when on campus. Please make sure to pack extras for your student. Students will be allowed to take their masks off when outdoors, and when able to keep distance (3ft) from each other. Students will be allowed to take “mask breaks” outdoors if necessary.

Masks will be optional but recommended outside during recess and PE.

Hand-washing/Hygiene

Students and Staff are expected and will be required to wash their hands throughout the day across transitions and designated times. We will review correct hand-washing techniques but ask that parents continue to practice and reinforce proper hygiene at home. Students will have access to hand sanitizers but staff will be responsible for administration.

Screening

All students, staff, volunteers, and visitors will be given a temperature check before entering the premises. We will check students while they are waiting in their car at carpool or drop off. Visitors (including parents) will be checked when they arrive on campus.

If a student, staff, volunteers, and visitors should not come to campus if any of the conditions below are met:

- Live with someone who is COVID-19 positive or presumed COVID-19 positive.
- Have been notified to be a close contact of either a presumed or confirmed COVID-19 positive person.
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- New loss of taste or smell
- New Cough or a change from baseline cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- New onset of severe headache

- Chills
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

In addition to these symptoms, students, staff, volunteers, and visitors will not come to campus if they have:

- Close contact with someone with confirmed or presumed positive for COVID-19
- Under investigation for COVID-19 (until they can present with a negative test result)
- Is ill with a respiratory illness
- Recent travel to areas (including the US) where the health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases. **Anyone who has traveled will be required to present a negative test before being allowed back on campus.**

All screening will occur when the student is being dropped off at school. If you arrive after carpool, please contact us via text or phone upon your arrival. We will come to your car to conduct the screening. Please do not leave your child or walk them onto campus.

If you are coming onto campus to volunteer or drop something off, please contact us via text or phone to let us know when you have arrived, and we will come to your car to complete the screening.

Social Distancing and Ventilation

Whenever feasible, students and staff will be encouraged to maintain a distance of 3ft from each other.

Cleaning Procedures

Teachers and Staff will clean and sanitize all surfaces at least once per day. High-touch surfaces will be sanitized more frequently. At the end of each school day, we will wipe down all surfaces, chrome books, and other high-touch surfaces across campus (e.g., doorknobs, handles, lunch tables, light switches).

Sports/PE equipment will be sanitized after each use.

If a Student is Showing Signs of COVID-19

If a student presents with symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, we will follow steps lined out by the CDC for such instances:

1. The student will be asked to stay in Dr. Chris' room. We will close access to the other rooms and open doors/windows to the outside to increase ventilation.
2. The student will be provided with a N-95 mask if they are not wearing one already.
3. Parent(s), Guardian(s), or Caregiver(s) will be contacted to come to pick their child up.
4. Parents will be asked to contact their child's Primary Care Provider/Physician to have the child evaluated and tested for COVID-19
5. Staff will disinfect and clean areas/surfaces that the child has come in contact with. Since the virus can linger in the air, we will clean and disinfect the areas again in the morning before the start of school.
6. We will contact parents and staff that came in close contact with the student/staff who presented with symptoms or tested positive.

If a Student tests positive for COVID-19

1. The student(s) diagnosed with COVID-19 will begin home isolation
2. We will contact all who have had close contact with the student(s) and inform them of possible exposure
3. We will collaborate with local health officials to assess spread and support families and staff that had contact with the ill student(s)
4. Parents will be advised to keep their child(ren) home and to consult with their healthcare provider if their child has had close contact with the student. They are advised to keep their children home and quarantine according to local health department requirements and to consult with the student(s)' healthcare provider for evaluation and possible COVID-19 test.
5. CDC guidance provided that anyone who is fully vaccinated and do not have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine, but should get tested after exposure to someone with COVID-19.
6. Ill student(s) can return to school once the following are met:
 - 10 days out from the start of the symptoms, AND

- Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, AND
- Symptoms have improved.

If a Student has had Contact with Someone Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

Anyone who has had contact with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 is required to remain home and be tested 3-5 days after exposure, regardless of whether they have symptoms.

Quarantine/Isolation Timeframe:

1. **Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Case with symptom(s):** Self-isolate for 10 days after symptom(s) onset.
2. **Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Case without symptoms:** Self-isolate for 10 days after day of testing.
3. **Presumed COVID-19 Case (an individual having one or more COVID-19 symptoms):** Self-quarantine for 10 days after symptom(s) onset.
4. **Exposed to a Confirmed Positive or Presumed COVID-19 Case (Close Contact):** Quarantine for 10 days after the last exposure date to the Confirmed COVID-19 Positive or Presumed COVID-19 Case.

Return to school Criteria

Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Case with symptom(s): Completion of self-isolation of 10 days after onset of symptoms and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and with improvements of other symptoms (excluding loss of taste or smell as these two symptoms may remain longer). To determine return to work/school day, count 10 days from the day of onset of symptoms. Day 11 is the return to work/school day

Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Case with no symptoms: Completion of self-isolation of 10 days after day of testing. To determine return to work/school day, count 10 days from the day of the test. Day 11 is the return to work/school day.

3. **Presumed COVID-19 Case (individual having one or more COVID-19 symptoms):** Completion of self-quarantine of 10 days after onset of symptoms and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication, and with improvement of other symptoms (excluding loss of taste or smell as these two symptoms may remain longer). To determine return to work/school day, count 10 days from symptom onset. Day 11 is the return to work/school day.

Presumed COVID-19 Cases qualify for early return if the following documents are provided:

- i. Negative COVID-19 test results after the onset of symptoms

and

- ii. Documentation from a physician/healthcare provider with a return to work/school date.

Any close contacts quarantined solely on the basis of being exposed to a Presumed COVID19 case, are eligible for early return once the presumed positive person is cleared based on the guidelines listed above.

4. **Individuals Exposed to a Confirmed Positive or Presumed Positive COVID-19 case:**

If the confirmed COVID-19 positive or presumed COVID-19 positive individual resides in the same household as the exposed individual and complete self-isolation is not possible, the exposed individual's quarantine period starts after the completion of the confirmed COVID-19 positive or presumed COVID-19 positive individual's isolation time has ended.

Exposed individuals, regardless of quarantine time or COVID-19 vaccination status, should continue to watch for symptoms until 14 days have passed after the last exposure date with the affected individual. If the exposed individual develops any symptoms within these 14 days, the exposed individual must self-isolate and contact the School Nurse, Principal, immediate Supervisor, and/or healthcare provider.

All members of the household are required to test negative before a student who has been in close contact with a household member who was confirmed positive can return to school