

# Arlington ISD Return to School Plan for Parents & Students 2021-22 FAQs



## **WILL MASKS BE REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS?**

Masks are not required or prohibited.

As of July 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

As per Texas governor Greg Abbott's [executive order](#) from July 29, 2021, governmental entities and officials are prohibited from mandating face coverings, including public school districts.

## **CAN STUDENTS LEARN VIRTUALLY?**

As of August 6, 2021, the Texas Education Agency has not approved virtual learning as an option for the 2021-22 school year. All instruction will be in person.

## **WHAT CLEANING PROTOCOLS ARE FOLLOWED AT SCHOOLS AND OTHER DISTRICT FACILITIES?**

Arlington ISD custodial staff are committed to following strict cleaning and sanitizing protocols that include:

- Daily cleaning of all facilities and high-touch areas such as doorknobs, elevator buttons, countertops, handrails, light switches, restroom fixtures, desks, keyboards and phones
- Applying a safe and environmentally friendly disinfectant nightly at schools, other district facilities and on school buses
- Continuing professional development training for custodial staff in the latest techniques to combat the spread of COVID-19

## **HAS THE DISTRICT INSTALLED NEW VENTILATION SYSTEMS ON CAMPUSES AND IN OTHER DISTRICT FACILITIES?**

The district is constantly making HVAC improvements to include improved filtration, replacing older or less efficient equipment, and operational changes that improve indoor air quality. Facilities are also operated on a more consistent schedule to help improve air quality.

## **WHAT STEPS DO I NEED TO TAKE IF MY CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?**

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, alert your campus COVID coordinator found on the COVID-19 dashboard on your school's website. Students will be required to stay home from school for ten days from the onset of symptoms or the test collection date if there are no symptoms.

## **HOW WILL MY CHILD MAKE UP THEIR WORK IF THEY ARE QUARANTINED?**

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will receive excused absences and teachers will provide makeup work. Upon return to school, students will have the same number of days they were out sick to make up their work. For example, if a student misses three days of instruction, they will have three days to make up their work when they return to school.

## **WHAT IF A STUDENT IN MY CHILD'S CLASS TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19? CAN I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?**

If a child has been exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19, parents should monitor their student for [COVID-19 symptoms](#). If symptoms are present or develop, the student should not come to school and get tested for COVID-19. Parents who want to isolate their child as a precaution should coordinate with their child's principal and on-campus health care professional for guidance.

## **WILL THERE BE A DASHBOARD THAT INFORMS ME OF A COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE AT MY CHILD'S CAMPUS?**

A COVID-19 dashboard is available on every campus website. If a student or staff member tests positive, a COVID-19 notification will be placed on the dashboard.

- For elementary schools, the dashboard will also include the grade level where the exposure occurred.
- Because classes change throughout the day at the secondary level, the dashboard will reflect only a confirmed case on the campus.
- The district website, [www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net), will host a dashboard with cases from administrative locations.

## **CAN VISITORS COME TO CAMPUS?**

Visitors are allowed on campus.

## **WILL THE DISTRICT HAVE A COVID-19 TESTING CENTER AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF?**

Plans to open a district testing center are underway. Once the location is finalized, parents and staff will be notified.

## **IF I'M NOT ALREADY, WHERE CAN I GET VACCINATED?**

The Arlington Fire Department and American Medical Response will be hosting community COVID-19 vaccination clinics from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Arlington Fire Department's Public Health Unit located at 2920 South Cooper Street. No appointment is necessary, and the clinic is for people 12 years and up who are eligible for the vaccines. Anyone 12-17 will need a parent/guardian on-site to consent. The clinic has Johnson & Johnson, Moderna and Pfizer vaccinations available for those 18 and older and the Pfizer vaccine for those 12 and older.

Additional vaccination locations are available across Tarrant County and updated at Tarrant County Public Health's [Vaccine Finder](#) website.

## **WHAT CAN I DO TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19?**

Parents should monitor their children for illness. If a fever of 100.0 Fahrenheit or higher is recorded, they should not come to school until fever-free for 24 hours. Regular handwashing and hand sanitizing are recommended. See the [CDC's webpage](#) for a complete list of ways to protect yourself and others.