

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.

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.

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.

The district website, aisd.net/covid-19, will host a cumulative dashboard with cases from administrative locations.

WILL ARLINGTON ISD CONTACT TRACE?

Yes, Arlington ISD will contact trace.

- Close contacts will be identified and notified by an Arlington ISD official.
- Anyone with symptoms is advised to stay home and get tested.
- Parents may choose to isolate a symptom-free student who is a known close contact of a positive case. The absence will be excused, and make-up work will be made available.
- Close contacts who develop symptoms of illness should isolate until they obtain a COVID test.

CAN VISITORS COME TO CAMPUS?

Visitors are allowed on campus.

DOES THE DISTRICT HAVE A COVID-19 TESTING CENTER AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF?

Yes, students and staff who need a COVID test can be tested free at the district's Rapid Testing Center by appointment.

- To schedule an appointment, please email rapidtest@aisd.net. A representative of the testing center will be in contact to schedule an appointment.
- The testing center is located at 604 New York Ave., Arlington, TX 76010.
- Appointments will be from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on school days.

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.