



DECATUR
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

**School Entry Plan and Safety
Protocols 2023-2024 School Year**

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General

The DISD School Entry Plan and Safety Protocols are in compliance with the recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and local health authorities. This plan and these protocols are subject to change during the school year based on changes to executive orders and recommendations from the aforementioned agencies and authorities.

Protocols for Screening and Isolation

Screening Protocols

- Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and contact their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Teachers will monitor students and refer to the nurse as needed.

COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Protocols: Student or Staff Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms

In the event that a DISD teacher, staff, or student is lab confirmed positive for COVID-19, they must stay at home until they are 24 hours fever free without medication.

****Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.***

Protocols for Student Absences

Students will be expected to maintain the 90% attendance requirement for credit, and parents/guardians are expected to be partners with the school district in making sure students are in daily attendance (Policy FEC and FED).

Protocols for Campus Cleaning and Disinfecting

Frequent cleaning, disinfecting and hand washing will promote a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff.

Daily Campus Cleaning

- Each classroom and restroom will be disinfected daily.
- All high-touch areas will be disinfected daily.
- The cafeteria will be disinfected between lunch periods.
- Staff will have access to disinfecting spray and towels to sanitize working surfaces.

Bus Cleaning

- When possible school buses will open windows to allow outside air to circulate throughout the bus.
- Buses will be thoroughly cleaned after each bus trip focusing on high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles.

Additional Cleaning Measures on Campuses

If a classroom or facility experiences illness spread, quaternary disinfectant will be used to clean and disinfect. Custodial staff will clean and disinfect all affected areas.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

If a DISD student or staff member needs mental health support, DISD counselors and local mental health professionals are available.