COVID-19 Protocol Updates

HEALTH AND SAFETY

COVID-19 Protocols were adopted to protect the health and safety of staff and students.

LACK OF PERSONAL PROTECTION

For most of the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals did not have a method of personal protection available to them.

PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITY

Frisco ISD has a responsibility to support the public health by ensuring students have access to a safe enviornment in which to be educated.

Purpose of COVID-19 Protocols



Changing Circumstances

CASE COUNTS

Case counts have dropped drastically across the country since a peak in January, and particularly since vaccinations have exceeded 40% of the population.

VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations are now widely available for adults and will likely be widely available for students aged 12 and up by the Fall, though they are always optional.

HEALTH CARE SUPPLY CHAINS

Health care supply chains have stabilized and so masks that are effective for the wearer are more readily available for those who wish to use them.



FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings will not be required by students or staff. Staff will work to ensure no student is treated differently based on their choice regarding wearing a mask.

REPORTING

Parents and staff will still be required to report positive cases to campus administration, but the online Dashboard will be removed. Parents will be notified when a confirmed COVID-19 case occurs in their student's class.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND CAPACITY

6 foot social distancing will be maintained when possible, particularly in classrooms. Visitors will be allowed on campus according to standard visiting rules.

CLOSE CONTACT & QUARANTINES

Staff will not conduct close contact reviews and quarantines will only be required for those who test positive for COVID-19.



Decision Timeline

ACCELERATED DECISION

- Original plan was to decide on Fall 2021 protocols during the summer.
- After announcing the virtual school, we determined it would be helpful for families to have information regarding next year when deciding whether to enroll in the virtual school
- The earlier we could decide on COVID protocols, the more accurate our virtual enrollment numbers would be.

FALL 2021 PROTOCOLS

FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings will not be required by students or staff. Staff will work to ensure no student is treated differently based on their choice regarding wearing a mask.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND CAPACITY

Campuses will do their best to accommodate parent requests to ensure their student remains social distanced when possible, but social distancing will not be feasible in all situations. Visitors will be allowed on campus according to standard visiting rules.

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IMPORTANT NOTES

As always, these protocols were developed in collaboration with our local health authority, Dr. Mark Gamber.

These protocols are subject to change based on guidance from the Texas Education Agency or the Governor.

Should case counts increase, Frisco ISD may revisit these protocols at any time.

Questions?