

## **Millsap ISD Return to School 2021-2022**

***District Philosophy:*** *The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are continually evolving, and Millsap ISD's Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan will be constantly **evaluated** to adapt to the continuing trends of the COVID-19 virus, especially in Parker County. Millsap ISD will follow recommendations for school opening and operation from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Texas Education Agency, as well as state and local health officials. Circumstances related to COVID-19 may change throughout the coming school year, and this document will be updated as conditions change.*

***Current Governors Executive Order:*** [No.GA-38](#) relating to the continued response to the COVID-19 disaster, issued July 29, 2021.

### **Current Information:**

**Millsap ISD Multi-Stage Approach:** [Minimal to Low Risk](#)

#### **Managing COVID-19: Standard Infection Protocols**

**Trending:** While Millsap ISD's protocols currently designate a minimal to low risk, the current trending data for COVID-19 shows an uptick in cases as reported by both the Texas Education Agency and the Parker County Health Advisory. This uptick in cases requires continued, focused-monitoring of COVID-19 including the Delta variant. Given the risk-level increases, Millsap ISD will transition from the [Minimal to Low Risk](#) category, to the [Moderate Risk](#) category. The [Moderate Risk](#) category will require increased flexibility of safety protocols.

**Future Plans:** If the severity of the situation increases from [Minimal to Low Risk](#) to the next level of [Moderate Risk](#), Millsap ISD will increase the flexibility to the safety protocols to ensure the safety and health of our students and staff. Millsap ISD will continue to abide by the **most** current Governor's Executive Order and the guidance provided by the Texas Education Agency.

#### **Minimal to Low-Risk Protocols:**

Millsap ISD will implement the basic standard infection control protocols. In addition, due to the current trending data, the district will implement unintrusive tactics to mitigate future outbreaks. See below for details.

#### ***Infection Control Measures***

- As a result of the March 8, 2021 MISD [School Board Resolution](#), face coverings are not required for staff and students. Face coverings will be available, if requested.
- Face coverings and social distancing will be optional.
- Regular hand washing and hand sanitation will be encouraged for students and staff.
- If in a situation without a face covering, students, staff, and visitors should cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, covered in their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.

### ***Health Screenings***

- Health screening will not be required. As is standard, teachers will monitor students for illness and refer to the nurse if symptoms are present.

### ***Campus Operations & Learning Environments***

- Campuses will be disinfected daily and throughout the day, with special attention to high-touch surfaces.
- Classroom doors may be propped open to reduce high-touch areas.
- Staff will have access to cleaning supplies to sanitize high-touch areas, working surfaces, and shared objects regularly.
- Students will share in the responsibility of cleaning their spaces.

### ***Breakfast / Lunch***

- Students may not share food or drink. The “Share Bucket” will be available for the 21-22 school year. All items in the share bucket will be individual items.
- All areas will be sanitized between lunches.

### ***Transportation***

- All buses will have hand sanitizer for use when loading/unloading.
- All buses will be sanitized and wiped down daily between trips.
- Bus windows will be partially open (at minimum) during routes to provide for additional ventilation when at all possible.

### ***Notification Procedures***

- While campuses and the district will not be conducting official contact tracing, [the district must notify the local health department for each in-school test-confirmed case](#). A complimentary notification will be sent out to parents, when a confirmed COVID-19 case exists on that campus.

### ***Confirmed Cases***

- [The Texas Department of State Health Services website](#) explains that the coronavirus disease 2019 commonly referred to as COVID-19 is a disease which requires exclusion from school under 25 Tex. Admin. Code § 97.7.
- A school administrator shall exclude from attendance any child having or suspected of having COVID-19. Exclusion shall continue until the readmission criteria for the conditions are met. The readmission criteria for COVID-19 is as follows:
- Individuals that are tested and confirmed with COVID-19 must notify the school nurse.
- As with any infection, individuals who themselves are test-confirmed to have COVID-19; must stay at home throughout the infection period.
  - **Symptomatic:** An individual must be excluded until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. (Fever is a temperature of 100 degrees or higher.)
  - **Asymptomatic:** An individual who tests positive for COVID-19 but does not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 10 days after the day of testing.