

Millsap ISD Continuation of School 2021-2022 August 31, 2021

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. ***UPDATE:*** As per TEA, 8/19/21, “mask provisions of GA-38 are not being **enforced** as a result of ongoing litigation. Further guidance will be made available after the court issues are resolved.”

Current Information:

Millsap ISD Multi-Stage Approach: Moderate Risk

Managing COVID-19: Standard Infection Protocols

Trending: Due to the current uptick in trending data for COVID-19, as reported by both the Texas Education Agency and the Parker County Health Advisory, and to the increase in Millsap ISD positive COVID-19 reported positive cases Millsap ISD is currently in the Moderate Risk category. The Moderate Risk category requires increased flexibility of safety protocols as noted in this document.

In response to the Moderate Risk category and the updates to the Texas Education Agency Guidance, Millsap ISD will increase safety protocols to help ensure the safety and health of our students and staff. As always, Millsap ISD will continue to abide by the most current Governor’s Executive Order and the guidance provided by the Texas Education Agency.

Moderate Risk Protocols:

Millsap ISD will increase the flexibility of safety protocols in alignment to the guidance provided and with the intent to deploy tactics, in a non-intrusive manner, 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, yet encouraged.
- 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 will 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.
- Educators are encouraged to practice social distancing, thus reducing “close contact” with others.

Breakfast / Lunch

- Students may not share food or drink.
- 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.

Staff Close Contact

- In alignment to TEA’s Public Health Guidance 8/19/21, to continue to work on campus, staff who are in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual must adhere to rapid COVID-19 testing at the start of the day, at least once every other day, until the end of day 10.
- MISD Administrators will be conducting contact tracing for adults who may have been in “close contact” to a COVID-19 positive individual.
- The definition of “close contact” per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is “someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.”

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.
- In alignment to TEA’s Public Health Guidance 8/19/21, MISD will make direct and specific notification to all students, staff, and families who were in a classroom, extracurricular event, or after-school program with a test-confirmed COVID-19 individual.

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.