

Munday CISD
Return to School Procedures
August 11th, 2021

The CDC (Center for disease control) has updated its guidelines and recommendations for the school year 2021-22. The most recent version of CDC Coronavirus regulations can be found at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) .

The CDC recommendations are summarized in this document for brevity.

1. Vaccination for all people 12 and older
2. Consistent and Correct mask use
3. Physical distancing 3 feet if vaccinated, 6 feet if not vaccinated
4. CoVid Screening tests
5. Ventilation
6. Handwashing and Respiratory etiquette
7. Staying Home when sick and getting tested
8. Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine
9. Cleaning and Disinfection

Governor Abbott's *Executive Order GA-36*

“No government entity, including a county, city, school district...may require any person to wear a face covering or to mandate that another person wear a face covering...” Effective June 4 11:59 p.m.

Texas Education Agency Guidance
School Health Operations Requirements
August 5, 2021

The guidance in this document is authorized by Executive Order GA-38, which has the effect of state law under Section 418.012 of the Texas Government Code. Executive Order GA-38 provides TEA with the legal authority to publish requirements for the operation of public school systems during the COVID-19 pandemic. This document takes effect August 5, 2021, replacing all prior guidance.

This guidance addresses:

- On-campus instruction
- Administrative activities by teachers, staff, or students that occur on school campuses
- Non-UIL extracurricular sports and activities
- Any other activities that teachers, staff, or students must complete

Required Actions if Individuals with Test-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School:

1. If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act(ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form. The report must be submitted each Monday for the prior seven days(Monday-Sunday).
3. As provided in this Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19 or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, 2 until the conditions for re-entry are met. See the DSHS rule for more details, including the conditions for ending the exclusion period and returning to school.

Health and Hygiene Practices: Masks

Per GA-36, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-36 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Other authority to require protective equipment, including masks, in an employment setting is not necessarily affected by GA-36. School systems must allow individuals to wear a mask if they choose to do so.

The UIL (University Interscholastic League) guidelines are the same as those provided by the TEA with this addition:

If a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers, or staff who participated in a UIL competition against another school, the school must notify the opposing school and the officials/contest judges who also participated in the competition.

CLOSE CONTACT:

Given the data from 2020-21 showing very low COVID-19 transmission rates in a classroom setting and data demonstrating lower transmission rates among children than adults, school systems are not required to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing. If school systems are made aware that a student is a close contact, the school system should notify the student's parents. Parents of students who are determined to be close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 may opt to keep their students at home during the recommended stay-at-home period. For individuals who are determined to be close contacts, the stay-at-home period can end for students experiencing no symptoms on Day 10 after close contact exposure, if no subsequent COVID-19 testing is performed. Alternately, students can end the stay-at-home period if they receive a negative result from a PCR acute infection test after the close contact exposure ends.

RETURNING TO UIL Activities

UIL addition: In addition to the criteria and processes described above, a student who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must receive clearance from a physician prior to returning to participation in UIL marching band or athletic activities.

Munday CISD procedures:

The CDC recommends face coverings, however, no person will be required to wear a face covering. This includes all school activities and functions held on campus.

Students will enter the buildings as they did pre-Covid. Temperature checks and health questions will not be performed.

As has ALWAYS been our practice, if your child or you are not feeling well, or have had a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or other sickness in the last 24 hours, do not come or send your child to school if they are sick.

If your child is exposed to any communicable disease, at school, such as CoVid 19 the campus will inform you.

Students will eat meals in the cafeteria, depending on campus or grade level practices (i.e. some lower elementary students may eat breakfast in their classroom).

As ALWAYS hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged.

Classrooms will be cleaned daily and sanitized weekly or bi-weekly depending on levels of attendance on a campus. (this is our normal practice).

A student or employee who tests positive for CoVid 19 will be required to quarantine depending on guidance from our local health authority.

Bus transportation will continue to offer hand sanitizer to students and encourage social distancing when possible.

Staff will not require health attestations from visitors upon entry to the school.

Parents will be able to bring food to their students, dropped off in designated spots at each campus.

Water fountains will be restricted to "bottle fillers" the district recommends your child bring a water bottle with a lid from home to use at school.

Access to the campus will be limited, all visitors should make an appointment, prior to arrival.

These guidelines are subject to change depending on county or state orders.