

Harper ISD 2022-2023 Return to In-Person Instruction/ Continuity of Services Plan (Updated: August 9, 2022)

Public comment for the 2021-2022 RIPICS procedures found in this document was open for the period of June 7, 2021 through July 16, 2021. Public comment for updates/review was encouraged at the June 28, 2022 HISD Site-Based Decision Making Committee public meeting. Procedures and policies for Return to In-Person Instruction/Continuity of Services are updated as changes are made by the Texas Education Agency and state and local health officials (updated 8/9/2022 due to new TEA guidance released through Public Health Orders 8/1/22).

All Harper ISD classes will be conducted in person.

General Safety Precautions

- Face coverings will be OPTIONAL for all staff, students, and visitors to the school.
- Encourage increasing the distance between students and staff to the extent possible.
- Implement daily sanitizing protocols for all schools and buses
- Each student will have their own technology device to eliminate sharing to the extent possible
- Fresh air ventilation will be encouraged in all classrooms. Classroom windows may be opened to increase ventilation when weather permits.
- Frequent handwashing will be encouraged throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be provided for student, staff, and visitor use.
- Signage will be posted throughout the school buildings to remind students and staff of safety procedures.
- Buses will be sanitized between routes to the greatest extent possible. Bus windows will be opened, as permitted by weather, in order to increase ventilation.
- Sanitation of classrooms, offices, and restrooms will be encouraged daily.
- Each campus will be equipped with reusable water fillers. Students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottle to school.
- Parent meetings, including mandatory IEP, 504, and teacher conferences will have the option to be held remotely. In person meetings will be held as required by state and federal law.
- Participation in extracurricular activities will follow guidelines set forth by the Texas Education Agency and University Interscholastic League.
- Attendance will be taken daily. Students and staff who are sick should not attend school. COVID-19 exposure or diagnosis must be reported to the school nurse if it is

the reason for the absence.

- Staff with COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosis must report their diagnosis to their supervisor.
- Staff will follow protocols for determining which medical needs warrant a visit to the nurse's office.
- Students and staff with COVID-19 symptoms will be isolated in a quarantine setting in the nurse's office until safe removal from school. The nurse will follow the district infectious disease policy and TEA guidelines.
- Any infectious disease symptom, including COVID symptoms, observed during the school day will be addressed immediately. School nurse will be available to assess students and staff as needed.
- As required, local health officials will be notified of any known COVID-19 case on campus.
- Areas of the school used by an individual with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case will be closed off and sanitized prior to use by other students and staff.
- Students who have COVID-19 symptoms or positive diagnosis of COVID-19 will be allowed to participate in "Remote Conferencing" for up to 20 days per year. If a student is diagnosed or has symptoms, please see the campus principal for information pertaining to Remote Conferencing.
- Upon return to campus, staff and students will be provided access to counseling and mental health support, as needed, per school counselor and additional outside resources (ie: Hill Country Needs Council and TCHAT)

Harper ISD - COVID-19 Diagnosis/Exposure Response Protocols 2022-23

Harper ISD has implemented the following response protocols to address

incidents of COVID-19 of a student or staff member as stated in the Texas Education Agency latest public Health Guidance (8/1/2022).

Students Who Have COVID-19

As provided by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who have or are suspected of having COVID-19, and must immediately notify parents if this is determined while on campus.

As noted in the rule, exclusion shall continue until the conditions for re-entry are met:

- For children with symptoms, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free, and other symptoms have improved.
- Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 5 days after the day they were tested.
- 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, until the conditions for re-entry are met.

Staff Who Have COVID-19

Similar to students, school systems must exclude staff from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19. Based on recent updates from the CDC, staff may return when:

- If symptomatic, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free*, and other symptoms have improved.
- For those with no symptoms, at least 5 days after the day they tested positive.
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*Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.

Harper ISD will be diligent in protecting the health and safety of the students and staff.

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