

Pottsboro ISD

Safe Return to School 2021-2022



The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are continually evolving, and Pottsboro ISD's Safe Return-to-School plans will be constantly evaluated to adapt to the continuing trends of the COVID-19 virus, especially in the City of Pottsboro and Grayson County.

Health and Safety Measures

Infection Control Measures

- Employees and students may voluntarily elect to wear a face covering.
- Social distancing of at least 3 feet will be encouraged at all times.
- Any face coverings with inappropriate images or language will not be allowed.
- Increasingly, evidence suggests that COVID-19 does not easily spread on surfaces and that increased cleaning practices may not be beneficial in reducing spread; however, Pottsboro ISD will continue to encourage regular hygiene practices, such as thorough handwashing, the use of hand sanitizer, and properly covering coughs and sneezes, as these practices are beneficial in the fight against all germs.

Virus Prevention Strategies

Employee/Student Procedures:

- Pottsboro ISD will continue to require all employees to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school each day.
- Pottsboro ISD encourages parents to partner with our schools to perform a daily COVID-19 screening of their student.
- All staff and students should assess if they have recently begun experiencing any of the following symptoms in a way that is not normal for them.
 - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Shortness of breath
 - Headache
 - Chills
 - Sore throat
 - Shaking or exaggerated shivering
 - Significant muscle pain or ache
 - Diarrhea

- Any individual who possesses COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, must remain off campus until he/she meets the current CDC and/or TEA criteria for re-entry.
- All staff and secondary students who possess COVID-19 symptoms at school may choose to be COVID tested on campus using COVID test kits provided by the State of Texas
- Anyone who has had sustained close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 must report this information to the school and follow current CDC and/or TEA Public Health Guidelines regarding quarantines.
- A vaccinated individual does not need to stay at home following close contact exposure to a test-confirmed individual if the following conditions are true:
 - The exposed individual is fully vaccinated and have not experienced any COVID-19 symptoms following close contact exposure to a test-confirmed individual.
 - Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not have to stay at home or get tested again, as long as they do not develop new symptoms.
 - Staff can continue to work on campus, as long as rapid testing is performed at the start of the day, at least once every other day until the end of day 10.
- Individuals who develop symptoms again within 3 months of their first bout of COVID 19 may need to be tested again if there is no other cause identified for their symptoms.

Transportation

- All buses will have hand sanitizer dispensers placed in the stairwells for use when loading/unloading.
- Ridership will remain at typical district capacity.

Visitors

- Visitors will be restricted for those essential to school operations.
 - No outside food
- All visitors will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms listed above and asked if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.
- Any visitor possessing a COVID-19 symptom must remain off-campus until he meets the criteria for re-entry listed at the conclusion of this section.
- Any visitor who has had close contact must remain off campus until the 10-day incubation period has passed.

Isolation Procedures Related to COVID-19

- Any individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 or who experiences COVID-19 symptoms must stay home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

- In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - at least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 but is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either
 - (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis, or
 - (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.

Clinic Procedures Related to COVID-19

- Students or staff who present with symptoms will be evaluated and assessed by the school nurse.
- Student will be escorted to vehicle upon parent arrival.

Notification Procedures Related to COVID-19

Upon identifying a possible COVID-19 case on campus, Pottsboro ISD will:

- Immediately separate the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the individual can leave campus.
- Clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms as soon as possible.

Upon learning that a lab-confirmed case has been in a school, Pottsboro ISD will:

- Notify the Grayson County 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).

- Notify parents of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on campus activities.

Circumstances related to COVID-19 may change throughout the coming school year and we will keep all parents informed if conditions change.