

Pottsboro ISD

Safe Return to School 2023-2024



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.
- 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 test-confirmed with COVID-19, must remain off campus until he/she meets the current CDC and/or TEA criteria for re-entry.

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

- 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.

Isolation Procedures Related to COVID-19

- Any individual who is test-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 5 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 one confirmation 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.

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 test-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.