



HARLETON Independent School District

COVID-19 Symptom Notification, Testing Notification, and Response Procedures at Harleton ISD

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This document outlines the protocols that we will employ to help control the spread of COVID-19 within our school population. We ask that you partner with us to help keep all of our kids and staff healthy and safe.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. That said, research from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19 and some severe outcomes have been reported in children, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized or have severe symptoms. However, as we all know, students in schools display all types of symptoms for many reasons, many of which are not COVID, but during this time of pandemic, each case of symptoms is treated as COVID-19 possible.

COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following question:

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following 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
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

School Notification

We ask that you inform Mrs. Shannon Hearron, the HISD School Nurse, in the event of your child showing any symptoms listed above. Mrs. Shannon Hearron is the HISD COVID-19 Response Coordinator. She will work with essential school personnel (Superintendent and Campus Principal) to determine next steps for any child showing symptoms. Mrs. Shannon Hearron can be contacted at hearronshannon@harletonisd.net.

If you are an employee of the HISD, and you or your child show any symptoms, you must also inform your Supervisor, as well as Mrs. Shannon Hearron, so that arrangements can be made to cover your school duties. In the event of an employee being affected by either themselves or their child showing symptoms, Human Resources must be notified by the Superintendent.



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Criteria for Return to School

Conditions for return to school after an individual shows symptoms or gets a positive test result:

Either:

- 24 hours with no fever; and
- Symptoms improved; and
- 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

Or:

- An acute infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19

Or:

- A doctor's note indicating an alternate diagnosis

Response

In the event of a COVID-positive case on campus, the campus will take the following steps:

- All areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case will be closed off until disinfected.
- All teachers, staff, and families of all students in that school will be notified.
- The local health department will be notified.

We hope that this information gives you confidence in our systems and our ability to stop the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Jay Ratcliff, Superintendent, 936-615-3556 or visit our website at <https://www.harletonisd.net/>.

While this will be a challenging year, we believe it can also be a great one, and we look forward to supporting your student in his or her learning journey!

And remember, it's a great day to be alive and a great day to be a Wildcat!

Go Wildcats!

Sincerely,
Jay Ratcliff
Superintendent of HISD