

Newton Independent School District

Moving Forward Details

2021-2022



Building on our strong finish from the 2020-2021 school year, Newton ISD is excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year. We know parents and students may have some questions regarding the implementation of appropriate health and safety measures this fall. This document is intended to answer those questions and reassure parents and students that we will meet any required guidelines while providing instructional continuity and a positive school experience. For questions or additional information, please contact any campus at 409-420-6600.

Overview

Newton ISD will reopen with face-to-face instruction for the regular school year on Thursday, August 19th. The district will not offer online instruction.

Health and Safety Protocol

- When an individual who has been in a school has a positive COVID-19 test, the school must notify its local health department in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- As per GA-36, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. Students and staff may wear face masks/shields if they choose to do so.
- Staff should prescreen and parents should health screen their children before entering a school building or school transportation each day.
- Students and staff with a lab-confirmed positive test must remain at home for 7 days.
- Positive cases must be 72 hours fever-free without fever reducing medications before they can return to school.
- Newton ISD staff members and parents of students will be notified by the school if they have close contact at school with a positive COVID-19 individual. They will not be required to quarantine, the student or staff member may return to school if no symptoms are present OR may follow local health recommendations/doctor's orders (will be asked to provide written documentation with a date of return). During this time, please monitor closely for any symptoms. If symptoms occur, stay home and notify your campus nurse.
- Close contact is determined by being within 6 ft of the positive case for more than 15 minutes.
- If a staff member or student is sent home from school due to having a fever, the classroom(s) the individual was in will be thoroughly sanitized.
- Random temperature checks of students and staff will be performed daily.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be readily available on all campuses.

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- Frequent hand washing will be encouraged throughout the day.
- Desktops will be cleaned during class changes.
- Until further notice, visitors will not be allowed to eat lunch with students.
- The school will not accept deliveries for students.
- Buses will be sanitized daily.
- Water fountains will be closed. Students are encouraged to bring a clear water bottle. Refill stations are being installed on all campuses.