



Central Heights Independent School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Texas Education Agency and The Department of State Health have updated guidelines for monitoring and tracking COVID 19 in public schools.

Starting this 2021 spring semester at CHISD:

Before coming to school/ Daily responsibility

- You as the parent are asked to continue to monitor your child/ children daily for COVID 19- type symptoms. This includes daily monitoring for any fever and monitoring/asking if they are having any symptoms (complete list of COVID-19 symptoms in the TEA link below).
- If your child had or is having a symptom/s, please keep that child and all CHISD children home until a plan is discussed with your CHISD Nurse team. Emailing a member of our Nurse team is the best means of communication: Nurse Emily emily.penney@centralhts.net, Nurse Stefanie stefanie.shoemaker@centralhts.net, Nurse Debbie debra.glymph@centralhts.net.

Close contact or household positive COVID case rules

- If someone in your home has tested positive for COVID 19 *OR* your child has had a close contact exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must stay home. You as the parent are responsible to report this exposure to your Nurse team as soon as possible.
- For an isolated, close contact exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID 19, that child must stay home for a ten day quarantine period, date set by your Nurse team. During this ten day quarantine, you, the parent must report to your Nurse team if that child develops symptoms. If your child is still symptom free at day six of that quarantine you may contact your Nurse team; options can then be discussed.
- If there is a positive COVID 19 case within your home, your child/ all children must stay home for a ten day quarantine period. Re-entry dates are set by your Nurse team. During this ten day quarantine, you, the parent must report to your Nurse team if you, your child or any other children develop symptoms or if there are any new positives in your home.

CHISD on campus Health Services rules

- Any person on campus, with symptoms is sent to the campus Nurse clinic.
- Any student presenting to the Nurse clinic will be assessed and interviewed for COVID 19 symptoms.
- Students suspected of COVID symptoms will be sent home for ten days.
- All siblings and family members of the student showing symptom/s that attend or work at CHISD may also be sent home for the ten day period. Each case is reviewed by your CHISD Nurse Team; and administrators when necessary.
- The student with the symptom/s can return to school prior to the ten days if they provide a copy of their negative COVID test; or a doctor clears them to return- in writing. (In cases where siblings were sent, once the student with the primary symptom is cleared to return to school all siblings are cleared too).

We know that this is difficult and at times frustrating. Please know we are doing our best to keep all staff and students healthy. Because of the high volume of calls, again we ask that you email for all COVID concerns or questions. Emails for your CHISD Nurse team listed above.

Remote learning is to be set up with your student/s campus Principal.

Direct link to our TEA guidelines:

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>

Sincerely, Your CHISD Nurse Team 01/06/21