



Gonzales ISD COVID-19 Response Plan 2023-2024



Introduction

Conditions surrounding the coronavirus pandemic are ever-changing. Gonzales ISD's COVID-19 Response Plan for 2023-2024 are fluid and will be continually evaluated and updated in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines. The most updated information from Gonzales ISD will be published on our district website. In addition, the District will continue to notify families of any and all major updates that are published. All employees and families should consider following the Texas Education Agency Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Guidance recommendations found at <https://tea.texas.gov>.

In Texas, Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order prohibiting school districts from requiring face coverings indoors after August 1, 2022. This executive order is in effect which means Gonzales ISD cannot require face coverings.

Gonzales ISD has developed this **Covid-19 Response Plan** for 2023-2024 to inform parents and students about their choices. Gonzales ISD is fully prepared and committed to providing a high-quality, rigorous learning environment that focuses on students' safety, as well as their academic, social and emotional well-being. Remote learning will not be an option this year.

Health & Safety Protocols

Symptoms COVID-19

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Screening Protocols

Students and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms **in a way that is not usual to them** should seek medical attention. If you are running a fever or are feeling unwell, you should stay home, get well, and seek medical advice.

Protocol Scenarios

Student and/or Staff has tested positive for COVID-19 WITH symptoms:

If an individual test positive for COVID-19 with a **lab confirmed test**, they may **not** return until the re-entry conditions listed below have been met.

Re-entry Conditions

The individual may return after 5 days have passed, since symptom onset (not the day they were tested), as long as the individual continues to improve.

Student and/or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19 and has NO symptoms:

If an individual test positive for COVID-19 with a **lab confirmed test**, but has no symptoms, they may **not** return until the re-entry conditions listed below have been met.

Re-entry Conditions-

The individual may return to school or work 5 days from the day they were tested.

Protocols for Campus Visitors

All visitors who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19 must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry. Mask wearing is recommended for all visitors but not required by the district.

A Final Thought

Through communication, teamwork, and flexibility, GISD will closely monitor and update the parents, guardians, students, and employees on any COVID-19 decisions provided by TEA (Texas Education Agency).

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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