



# HENRIETTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Commitment to Excellence”

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## COVID-19 Prevention, Mitigation, and Response Procedures at Henrietta ISD

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Dear Henrietta ISD Family

As we plan for returning to school at Henrietta ISD, we recognize that this will be an unusual school year, but we remain committed to supporting your student’s learning, as well as his or her safety.

This document outlines the procedures our campuses will have in place to prevent or mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to respond if a positive case is identified. We hope this transparency helps you to decide about your student’s on-campus attendance at Henrietta ISD.

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. For many children, there are distinct benefits to attending school in person, including instructional, social, and safety benefits. For these reasons, the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) has made a statement supporting on-campus instruction for students in the coming year.

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly. The Henrietta ISD strategy for opening and operating is outlined below. A more detailed plan can be found on our district website. This plan is posted on the Strong Start 2020-2021 portion of the HISD webpage: [http://henrietta.ss11.sharpschool.com/for\\_parents/strong\\_start\\_2020-21](http://henrietta.ss11.sharpschool.com/for_parents/strong_start_2020-21).

### Prevention

To prevent COVID-positive individuals from entering our campuses, your student’s school will have the following COVID-19 symptom screening procedures in place:

- All staff will be required to self-screen daily.
- All visitors will be required to screen upon arrival. A form is attached to show you what that screening will entail.
- Parents are asked to proactively identify when their student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or has been exposed and to keep them home. A form is attached to show you the things to screen for.

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Information collected in these screens will not be retained if the screening is passed. If a parent indicates that a student is demonstrating COVID-19 symptoms, the school will retain that information until the student meets the criteria for return to school.

### Criteria for Return to School

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

- Ten (10) days have passed since symptoms first appeared, and the individual has had no symptoms for the prior 72 hours and no fever in the prior 24 hours.

*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

### Mitigation

Our district will be taking the following steps across each of our campuses to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

- All adults in the building are highly encouraged to appropriately wear masks, especially in hallways, common areas, on buses, and during arrival and dismissal.
- All students in fifth grade and up will be highly encouraged to appropriately wear masks, especially in hallways, common areas, on buses, and during arrival and dismissal.

### 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 that a lab confirmed case has occurred. Due to federal law, names will not be released.
- 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 visit our website at [www.henrietta-isd.net](http://www.henrietta-isd.net).

While this will not be a normal year, we believe it can also be an extraordinary one, and we look forward to supporting your student in his or her "Commitment to Excellence."

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