



Schleicher County ISD

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Protocols for Safe and Healthy Schools 2021-2022

Schleicher County ISD will return to 100% in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year. We are excited to welcome everyone back. At this time, no remote learning options will be offered, as it will not be funded by the state.

We will continue to monitor and reassess as conditions dictate. **The District may need to change protocols at any time to address specific needs and circumstances in order to protect the health and safety of students, employees and the community.** We will post any updates to safety protocols on our website and communicate through social media, phone, and email as needed.

The following guidelines are in accordance with direction from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the State of Texas.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are optional for all students and staff, regardless of vaccination status. Currently, per **Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order**, Schleicher County ISD cannot legally require masks.

Vaccinations

Per **Gov. Abbott's order**, Schleicher County ISD cannot require students or staff to get vaccinated or to report vaccination status.

COVID-19 Reporting and Tracking

As partners working together to maintain a healthy school environment, we ask parents and employees to report confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 to the school district. Parents should report positive cases to the school nurse; employees should report to their immediate supervisor. At this time, the District will not conduct close contact reviews. Students and staff will not be required to quarantine for exposure, however; same household direct contact may be asked to test and quarantine.

COVID-19 Screening and Positive Cases

If a student has a confirmed case of COVID, contact the school nurse. Please refrain from sending symptomatic or sick students to school. If staff have a confirmed case of COVID, please contact your supervisor. Staff should not report to work if they are sick or symptomatic. Notifications will be sent to the class(es) of the student/staff with a

confirmed case. Additionally, for students riding a bus, notification will also be made to those on the bus. There will no longer be schoolwide notifications of positive cases.

Students:

- Students who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19, and must immediately notify parents if this is determined while on campus. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met.
- Students will be permitted to return to school when they have documented the following requirements:
 1. They are 1 day (24 hours) fever-free without using fever-reducing medication; and
 2. Improved symptoms (cough, difficulty breathing, etc.); and
 3. 10 days have passed since symptoms began.

The school nurse will continue to send students home who have a fever, diarrhea, are vomiting, lose sense of taste or smell, or display significant symptoms of illness

Staff:

- Similar to students, school systems must exclude staff from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19. Based on recent updates from the CDC, staff may return when: •
 1. If symptomatic, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free*, and other symptoms have improved. •
 2. For those with no symptoms, at least 5 days after the day they tested positive.
 3. Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.

Absences

If a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID, the school/teacher will implement the following:

- The teacher will work with the student and parent to provide make-up work to the student, understanding there is not a remote instruction option available
- The student will submit make-up work as noted in the student handbook (one school day per day of absence) after returning to school.

Employees must use personal leave time or comp time while they are isolating.

Visitors & Meetings

Visitors will be limited on campuses as determined by the campus principal. Meetings will not be allowed on campus without prior principal approval or arrangements.

Cleaning/Sanitation Protocols

Frequent cleaning, hand sanitization, and disinfection will support a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff. Schleicher County ISD will continue with cleaning and sanitization protocols in its buildings and campuses. The District has Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available for students or staff upon request.

Extra- and Co-Curricular Activities

All extra- and co-curricular activities will resume with no capacity or participation restrictions. Students and spectators will not be required to wear face coverings, however, they are encouraged to do so.

Resources & Support

As we transition to a less restrictive learning environment with 100% capacities in our schools, Schleicher County ISD is committed to supporting our students and staff in their learning and working environments. For social-emotional support, please contact your **school counselor**. If a student has a health-related issue, please contact the school nurse.

Resources

[The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
[Texas Department of State Health Services \(DSHS\)](#)
[Texas Education Agency \(TEA\)](#)
[University Interscholastic League \(UIL\)](#)