



## **2022-23 Return to Learn FAQ**

\*Texas Education Agency (TEA) and local guidelines are fluid and continuously developing. Hillsboro ISD will continue to communicate as changes are made. Due to the changing nature of COVID-19, stricter guidelines may be put in place based on local infection rate. We encourage all employees and students 12 and older to get vaccinated.

**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.**

## **CDC Guidelines for Covid 2022-2023**

- *The District will follow current CDC recommendations in addressing the disease. If a student or employee has tested positive, they are to be quarantined for 5 days and may return to school on the 6th day with a correctly worn mask for 5 additional days. The initial 5 days begin from the onset of symptoms (or if symptom free 5 days from the positive test). If he/she has been vaccinated, he/she does not need to stay at home unless symptoms occur and then the same protocol is to be followed. If a student or employee is vaccinated and a family member contracts COVID, we ask that the exposed person wear a mask at school for at least 5 days.*
- **What are the learning options for students and families?**
  - We believe that it is important for students to be at school with their teachers, friends, and peers to develop academically and socially so face-to-face-learning will be the only learning model provided.
- **Face-to-Face Learning (PK-12)**
  - On-campus classes with face-to-face instruction will be taught by HISD teachers.
  - Curriculum, grading, and attendance policies will apply.
- **If a child must stay home because they have COVID-19, will they be allowed to learn virtually during that time?**
  - No, if the school requires a student to stay home because of any illness, including COVID-19, the student will be counted absent but will have the opportunity to complete classwork through work packets or electronic resources such as Google Classroom. **We will follow make-up work guidelines found in the student handbook.**
- **Will Attendance and Truancy laws still apply?**
  - Yes, attendance and truancy laws still apply and will be enforced. If a student is quarantined due to COVID-19, a **doctor's note will be required for an excused absence.** If parents keep their children at home due to close contact, the student will be counted absent and must complete make-up work. As with other absences, a parent or doctor's note will be required.