



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 been exposed to COVID or 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.