

# International School of Texas COVID-19 Guidance



## **If You Test Positive**

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to stay home for 5 days following a positive diagnosis. Individuals should work with Nurse Bethany to determine their re-entry date based on their testing status, symptoms, and resolution of any fever.

## **If You are a Close Contact**

If you are fully vaccinated, were wearing a mask in a school environment, or test positive in the past 90 days, you would not be considered a close contact. If you are identified as a close contact, Nurse Bethany will notify you immediately and discuss the protocols for your return to school.

## **Communications**

In the event that a student tests positive, Nurse Bethany will inform the impacted class via email immediately. Nurse Bethany will also identify close contacts and contact them immediately. Each Friday, Nurse Bethany will send a school-wide email summarizing COVID cases from the week.

## **Testing at IST**

IST will provide on-campus testing to students or staff members who are symptomatic while on campus during the school day. Based on availability, IST may also provide testing to students prior to their return to school after quarantining or learning from home, as applicable.

## **Temporary Mask Mandates**

At various times during the past two years, IST has made the determination to require mask-wearing on its campuses for a temporary duration based on the circumstances in our surrounding communities. In the event that IST issues future mask mandates, please note that they will be temporary in nature.

Students are eligible to opt out of a mask mandate if they provide a negative test result taken within 2 days of the beginning of the mask mandate period. Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days are not required to provide a negative test to opt out.

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The IST community is united in its shared goal of continuing in-person learning to the benefit of our students. On each of our campuses, students are engaging, collaborating, and sharing ideas central to their development as globally-minded citizens inspired by a love of learning.

As our community continues to navigate through COVID-19 and its variants, IST will diligently monitor the impact of COVID-19 in our community and utilize guidance from State and Federal authorities to inform the development of plans and policies designed to protect our community. The below measures will be adjusted if and when conditions change.

## **Masks**

Masks are optional but supported at IST. We are committed to empowering each family to make the decisions that are best for them.

## **At-Home Screening**

Our best first line of defense is vigilant at-home monitoring of your children for any potentially COVID-related symptoms that they are experiencing in a way that is unusual for them. If you have questions or would like to report that your child has tested positive, please contact Nurse Bethany.

All staff will continue to screen themselves for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 and will not come to campus if they are sick.

## **Field Trips**

We will be resuming field trips. Parents will be provided with the details of each planned field trip to assess if they would like their children to participate and/or to wear masks.

## **At-Home Learning**

In the event that a student needs to stay home due to COVID-related illness or quarantine, your teacher will provide classwork for your student to engage in the learning process asynchronously.