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COVID-19 Prevention, Mitigation, and Response Procedures at Aspermont ISD

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we plan for returning to school 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 make a decision about your students on-campus attendance.

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. Aspermont ISD's strategy for opening and operating is outlined below.

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.
- Parents are asked to proactively identify when their student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or has been exposed and to keep them home.
- All students will be screened daily using temperature checks

The student screening procedure will be as follows:

-Students will be temperature screened upon entering the building and again prior to lunch.

-A student showing a temperature over 100.0 will be allowed to sit down and be reevaluated after five minutes.



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-Students that continue to show a temperature over 100.0 will be isolated and parents will be contacted to pick up their student.

-Any student that shows or reports signs of COVID-19 symptoms during the school day will be sent to the school office and screened. A parent will be contacted at that time.

-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:

Either:

- 24 hours with no fever; and
- Symptoms improved; and
- 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

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.

- Face coverings will be required for all students during transition periods and during any activities considered as close contact. This could change with the changes in orders and case numbers. Teachers will have face shields that will be worn during instruction involving close contact with students and also during transition periods. **** (N95 or double cloth masks are recommended by the district)****
- All other staff will be required to wear face coverings while in the buildings.
- An exception to face coverings will be made when participating in activities that cannot be conducted with a mask on, such as eating, or drinking.
- Intensive daily cleaning practices will be followed strictly by staff.



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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.
- The local health department will be notified.
- See Aspermont ISD's return to school protocol at www.aspermontisd.com

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 reach out to campus administration at 940-989-3355.

While this will be a challenging year, we believe it can also be a great one, and we look forward to supporting your student in his or her learning journey.

Sincerely,

Zach Morris

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