

Keller ISD Families,

As we prepare for the 2021-22 school year, Keller ISD is aware of updated guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding COVID-19 and wants to assure the KISD community that the District remains committed to keeping students and staff safe.

Keller ISD will continue to observe the following practices:

- **Face Masks:** Optional for students and employees
Per [Executive Order No. GA-36](#) from the Governor, school districts cannot require masks to be worn. However, Keller ISD will support any student or employee who chooses to wear a mask.
- **COVID-19 Vaccinations:** Not required, but encouraged
For those eligible, the CDC has recommended getting the COVID-19 vaccine, but an individual's vaccination status will not prohibit them from entering Keller ISD facilities.
- **Health Self-Screenings:** Requested daily
Students and employees should perform a self-check of COVID-19-related symptoms prior to boarding a bus or entering a Keller ISD facility. Please do not come to school if you are sick or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.
- **Social Distancing:** Encouraged, where possible
When space and circumstances allow, students and employees are encouraged to maintain distance from others.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Continued priority
Hand sanitizer will continue to be provided throughout Keller ISD facilities, and students will be provided frequent hand-washing opportunities throughout the school day.
- **Facility Cleaning:** Frequent
Keller ISD's Facility Services team will continue to focus on high-touch surfaces and deep cleaning any areas of concern.

There will also be some changes in the procedure and notification of positive COVID-19 cases. In the event of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis:

- The individual (or parents/guardians, in the case of a student) will be asked to self-report the diagnosis by filling out Keller ISD's online Self-Reporting Form at www.KellerISD.net/SelfReport.
- The individual must remain home for 10 days. Students remaining home will be treated as if they are absent for any other illness. There will be no synchronous learning option made available, but students will be provided access to lessons and materials through their class's learning management platform. Employees will use their own leave time.
- Close contacts will be identified and contacted, but will not be required to quarantine. Close contacts will be asked to monitor for symptoms and may choose to quarantine themselves. Students who choose to quarantine will be treated as if they are absent for any other illness, and employees will use their own leave time. Mass notifications will no longer be distributed to all campus families and employees in the event of a positive case.

Other updates to Keller ISD's safety policies include:

- Visitors will be allowed on campuses, including parents or guardians who want to visit their student for lunch. Please follow each campus's procedures related to welcoming visitors back to campus.
- Those entering Keller ISD facilities will no longer be required to complete an online screening form. Anyone entering a school or district building will be encouraged to perform a self-screening of COVID-19 symptoms before arriving, and will be asked to remain home if exhibiting symptoms.
- Parents or guardians may drop off items for their students. Each campus will have its own procedures for where and how to drop off such items.

We are looking forward to a great 2021-22 school year, and with the help of our entire community, we are confident we can continue to provide exceptional learning opportunities while keeping all of our students and employees safe.