



GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-2022 Safe-Return Strategies

Galena Park ISD is committed to bringing our students and staff back to the safest environment possible. Below are some measures you can expect to see when students and staff return to campus. Every decision made will take into consideration the latest recommendations and direction from local, state and federal authorities. All information is subject to change.

Strict Cleaning/Disinfecting Protocols

- GPISD will continue cleaning/disinfecting protocols of facilities and equipment, as recommended by local, state and federal authorities.
- Our custodial staff is implementing a very detailed cleaning and disinfecting protocol with the goal of reducing the risk of exposure.
- Please take a moment to watch our video explaining the various measures our custodial staff is taking to protect staff and students:
<https://youtu.be/ilxxen4A7LE>

Personal Protective Equipment

- Hand sanitizer will be readily available for all students and staff in all classrooms.
- Masks are strongly encouraged and available, upon request.

COVID-19 Positive Case Notifications

- Elementary parents will be notified if a positive COVID-19 case is reported in their child's classroom.
- Secondary parents and campus staff will be notified if a positive COVID-19 case is reported at their corresponding campus.
- GPISD will maintain a COVID-19 dashboard on the district website with active cases by campus.

COVID-19 Exclusions

- Students and staff will be excluded in accordance with Texas Department of State & Health Services.
- Students and staff may self-report confirmed positive COVID-19 cases using the GPISD Self-Reporting Form.
- Students or staff who self-report a positive COVID-19 test result will automatically be excluded for 10 calendar days. No negative test required to return.
- Students or staff sent home with suspected COVID-19 symptoms, shall be excluded for 10 calendar days or present documentation of a negative COVID-19 test to return to school or work.

COVID-19 Testing Access for Students & Staff

- Galena Park ISD will be opening a testing site for students and staff to provide convenient access to testing. More information to come!

Good Hygiene Practices

- Students and staff will self-screen daily.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to routinely wash their hands and use hand sanitizer.
- Students may continue bringing water bottles for personal use throughout the day.

Potential Mitigation Strategies

The following strategies may be implemented as needed or required by local, state and federal authorities:

- Modify or adjust transportation services as required by local, state or federal health authorities
- Limit access to areas prone to congregation and sharing of equipment
- Postpone, cancel or limit assemblies and other activities for large groups of staff and/or students
- Modify menus, service and daily operations provided by the Student Nutrition Department
- Adapt guidelines for Athletics, Fine Arts and other activities governed by the University Interscholastic League (UIL)
- Limit outside visitors to essential personnel or appointment-only guests.