

# SABINAL ISD STUDENT COVID PROTOCOLS AND RE-ENTRY GUIDELINES

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This document takes effect immediately, replacing all prior guidance for the 2021-2022 school year. These protocols are supported by the latest guidance from TEA, CDC, and Uvalde County Health Authority & Texas Dept. of Health Services.

All persons entering our schools and/or attending school events are expected to practice self-responsibility by self-assessing their health before entering any school facility or attending a school event. Any individual who feels sick, regardless of symptoms, should not enter any campus and/or attend any school event and/or remain out of any Sabinal ISD facilities until symptoms have improved and fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100 degrees. We highly encourage eligible individuals to become fully vaccinated against COVID.

Parents **MUST** ensure that they do not send/permit their child to school or attend any school event if they are sick.

## **STUDENTS WITH COVID:**

1. Per Texas Education Agency (TEA) school systems **SHOULD** exclude students 10 days from attending school or school functions who are actively sick with COVID; **OR** who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID; **OR** who have received a positive test result for COVID; **OR** who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms.
2. Students **MUST** quarantine at least 5-days **AND MUST** be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications before returning to school **AND MUST** wear a mask or face shield at all times for 5 additional days.
3. Students **MUST** meet with Nurse Reyes before being cleared to return to school **AND MUST** wear a mask or face shield at all times for 5 additional days. Upon release to return to school, the nurse will authorize the absence(s) as "excused" or "unexcused" dependent on reliable medical documentation.
4. While school systems are not required to conduct COVID case investigations, or make public announcements, they are required to cooperate with local and state public health entities regarding cases in our schools. Notices will be sent to those students or staff who were in close contact with an employee or student while at school.

## **UNVACCINATED OR NOT "UP TO DATE" STUDENT IN CLOSE CONTACT OR LIVES WITH A COVID POSITIVE PERSON:**

Parents may voluntarily provide documentation to the school nurse of their vaccination status, or will be designated as "unvaccinated" or not "up to date" by these protocols and re-entry criteria.

1. "Close Contact" is defined as being within 6 feet of a COVID positive person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
2. Unvaccinated students who are determined to be in close contact with an individual with Covid **SHOULD** quarantine for 10 calendar days, and the stay at home period can end for students experiencing no symptoms on day 10 after close contact exposure, if no subsequent Covid-19 testing is performed. Alternatively, students can end the stay at home period if they receive a negative result from a PCR acute infection test 5 days after the close contact exposure. Upon return to school the student **MUST** wear a mask or face shield for 5 additional days.
3. Unvaccinated students who are determined to be in close contact with an individual with COVID **MAY** remain at school **IF** their parents monitor their health daily, be symptom free **AND** wear a mask or face shield at all times for 10-days.
4. Students **MUST** meet with Nurse Reyes before being cleared to return to school. Upon release to return to school, the nurse will authorize the absence(s) as "excused" or "unexcused" dependent on reliable medical documentation.

## **"UP TO DATE" STUDENT IN CLOSE CONTACT IN CLOSE CONTACT OR LIVES WITH A COVID POSITIVE PERSON:**

Parents may voluntarily provide documentation to the school nurse of their vaccination status, or will be designated as "unvaccinated" or not "up to date" by these protocols and re-entry criteria.

1. "Fully vaccinated" means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines. "Up to date" means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible.
2. It is strongly recommended that any student with known exposure to a COVID positive person to immediately consult with a medical professional.
3. Parents of students who provide documentation of their child's vaccination status **CAN** remain at school if the student is symptom and fever free. We **strongly urge** that the student wear a face mask or shield at all times for 10-days.
4. If the parent chooses to self-quarantine, the students **MUST** meet with Nurse Reyes before being cleared to return to school. Upon release to return to school, the nurse will authorize the absence(s) as "excused" or "unexcused" dependent on reliable medical documentation.