



## 2022 - 2023 Ponder ISD COVID-19 Protocols

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### Screening Protocols:

- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students of COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met.
- Teachers & staff are expected to self-screen for symptoms prior to school each day.
- Teachers will monitor students and refer to the appropriate campus staff if symptoms are present.
- Per Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. However, school systems must allow individuals to wear a mask if they voluntarily choose to do so.

### COVID-19 Protocols

#### Student/Staff has COVID-19 Symptoms at School or Tests Positive for COVID-19:

- TX DSHS rules require school systems to exclude students and staff from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19, and must immediately notify parents if this is determined while on campus.

#### **Students-**

- Parent/Guardian must notify the campus front office if their student tests positive for COVID-19.
- Students who are presenting COVID-19 symptoms on campus:
  - Nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when the student needs to be sent home.
  - If necessary parent/guardian will be contacted and the student should be picked up as soon as possible.

#### **Staff-**

- Staff members must not enter any campus if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are test-confirmed with COVID-19.
- Staff members must notify their supervisor if they test positive for COVID-19.
- Staff members who are presenting COVID-19 symptoms on campus:
  - Nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a staff member needs to be sent home.



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### Re-entry Criteria:

#### Students-

- A student who has COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 may return to school:
  - If symptomatic, at least 5 days* have passed since symptom onset, and
  - Symptom Free for 24 hrs including:
    - Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.
  - For those with no symptoms, at least 5 days* after the day they tested positive.

#### Staff-

- Staff who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19 may return to campus when:
  - If symptomatic, at least 5 days* have passed since symptom onset, and
  - Symptom Free for 24 hrs including:
    - Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.
  - For those with no symptoms, at least 5 days* after the day they tested positive.

### Other Criteria:

#### Face Masks:

- At this time masks will not be mandated as per GA-38; however, any individual is welcome to wear one if they choose to do so.

#### Campus Visitors:

- All visitors will be required to check in at the front office.

### Protocols for Campus Cleaning and Disinfecting:

#### Hand Washing/Sanitizing Expectations

- Hand sanitizer will be available in multiple locations throughout each campus for individual use.
- Staff and students will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands.
- Thorough hand washing upon returning from outdoors, before eating, following restroom breaks / specials will take place.



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### **Disinfecting Expectations**

- Staff will have access to disinfectant products to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects regularly.

### **Daily Campus Cleaning**

- Each classroom and restroom will be disinfected daily.
- All high touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day.
- The cafeteria will be cleaned regularly throughout lunch periods.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant products to sanitize as needed.

### **Restrooms**

- After a restroom break, students will be required to wash hands as well as encouraged to use hand sanitizer before reentering the classroom.

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