



## Safety Protocols 2021-22

As of August 20, 2021

George West ISD plans to return to 100% in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year. We are excited to welcome everyone back into our buildings. At this time, no remote learning options will be offered and face coverings will be optional, regardless of vaccination status.

We will continue to monitor and reassess our educational process as conditions dictate. **The District may need to change protocols at any time to address specific needs and circumstances in order to protect the health and safety of students,** employees and the community. The following guidelines are in accordance with direction from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the State of Texas.

### Face Coverings

Face coverings will not be required for staff, students or visitors. An individual may choose to wear a mask if desired and additional masks will be available. Campuses will work to ensure no student is treated differently as a result of the choice to wear a mask or not wear a mask.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to recommend that individuals two and older who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear masks indoors. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained. To be clear, while CDC and APA recommend wearing masks, the Governor's order cited above requires mask wearing as voluntary.

### Vaccinations

Per **Gov. Abbott's order**, George West ISD cannot require students or staff to get vaccinated. At this time, the State of Texas has not added the COVID-19 vaccination to the required immunization list for students. George West ISD cannot require students or staff to report vaccination status.

### COVID-19 Reporting/Tracking

As partners working together to maintain a healthy school environment, we ask parents and employees to report confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 to the school district. Parents should report positive cases to the school nurse; employees should report to HR. At this time, the District will not administer a COVID-19 Dashboard; however parents will be informed of positive cases in our district and school buildings. Staff will not conduct close contact reviews. Students who have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive in the same household will be asked to quarantine and will be provided Remote Conferencing. The District is still required to report positive cases to Live Oak County Health Department.



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## COVID-19 Positive Cases

If a student has a confirmed case of COVID, please contact the school nurse. **Students with a confirmed case of COVID will be quarantined for 10 days and will be provided Remote Conferencing. Please refrain from sending symptomatic or sick students to school.** If staff have a confirmed case of COVID, please contact School Nurse. Staff should not report to work if they are sick or symptomatic.

Per the CDC, those who test positive for COVID must isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test. Those who suspect they have COVID should isolate at least 10 days since the symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and other symptoms are improving. See "Absences" below.

George West ISD school nurse will continue to send students home who have a fever, diarrhea, are vomiting, lose sense of taste or smell, or display significant symptoms of illness. Please refer to the [GWISD Health Website](#).

## Absences

If a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID, the school/teacher will implement the following:

- The teacher will work with the student through **remote conferencing** and work with the parent to provide make-up work to the student.
- The student will submit make-up work if needed, as noted in the student handbook (one school day per day of absence) after returning to school

Employees must use personal leave time or comp time while they are isolating.

## COVID-19 Testing

At this time, the District is offering COVID-19 testing. Please see District Nurse, Rachael Clayton.

## Visitors & Meetings

Visitors will be limited on campus and the school cafeteria according to COVID visiting rules. Meetings will not be allowed on campus without prior principal approval or arrangements.

## Cleaning/Sanitation Protocols

Frequent cleaning and disinfection will support a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff. George West ISD will continue with cleaning and sanitization protocols in its buildings and campuses. Sanitization protocols will remain throughout all buildings. The District has Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available for students or staff upon request.



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## Extra- and Co-Curricular Activities

All extra- and co-curricular activities will resume with no capacity or participation restrictions. Students and spectators will not be required to wear face coverings, however, they are encouraged.

## Resources & Support

As we transition to a less restrictive learning environment with 100% capacities in our schools, George West ISD is committed to supporting our students and staff in their learning and working environments.

For social-emotional support, please contact your **school counselor**.

If a student has a health-related issue, please contact the school nurse.

## Resources

- **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC)
- **Texas Department of State Health Services** (DSHS)
- **Texas Education Agency** (TEA)
- **University Interscholastic League** (UIL)