



#KatyStrong

## Updated Phase 1 Safety Protocols with Mitigations Effective September 28, 2020

Katy ISD Staff, Students & Parents,

Thank you for your continued support of the Campus Phase 1 Safety Protocols through the end of the first six-week (secondary) and nine-week (elementary) grading period. The Katy ISD District COVID-19 Mitigation Plan and all associated Phase 1 guidelines can be found on the Katy ISD Smart / Restart website. The District's intent is to re-visit, at the end of each grading period, the Phase 1 protocols that will continue into the next grading period with recommended modifications. The goal of Phase 1 Safety Protocols is the continued mitigation and potential spread of COVID-19 within a campus and across the district.

In preparation for the next secondary six-week grading period, below are the Phase 1 Safety Protocols that will continue to be in effect. Additional modifications to the Phase 1 Safety Protocols are also below. The effective date of implementation of the Phase 1 Safety modifications for both elementary and secondary campuses is Monday, September 28.

### **Extended Campus Phase 1 Safety Protocols for all Elementary & Secondary Campuses:**

#### **Health and Hygiene Practice: Masks/Face Covering**

Schools are required to comply with the Governor's executive order regarding the wearing of masks. In addition to the Governor's executive order, TEA has provided school districts with guidance requires the use of facial coverings or face shields for adults and students. Katy ISD's Return to School Phase 1 protocols are extended through the second grading period with the following modifications:

#### **Student Health Protocols**

- All students are required to complete a daily self screening for symptoms prior to arriving to school or boarding school transportation
- All students are provided daily guidance on proper hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and social distancing
- All students, grades Pre-K through 3, are required to wear a facial covering upon arrival to school and dismissal, when riding a bus, in hallways, common areas and in classrooms, to the extent it is developmentally appropriate. Our grade Pre-K through 3 teachers are prepared to be flexible and patient when accommodating the wearing of a facial covering regarding students' developmental stage and abilities.
- All students, grades 4 through 12, are required to wear a facial covering upon arrival to school and dismissal, when riding a bus, in hallways, common areas and in classrooms

- All facial coverings should cover the nose and mouth
- All students must be up to date with state required immunization compliance
- All students are provided sanitizing wipes to clean workspace before classroom instruction begins
- All students are encouraged to use hand sanitizer before classroom instruction begins and ends
- All students are seated with as much separation as feasible during the instructional day.
- Instructional day temperature checks required for new enrollees and late arrival students
- No outside food or gift deliveries will be accepted
- Visitors, non-essential to school operations, will not be given access to the campus including during school mealtimes.
- Parents/volunteers required to conduct campus visits by phone, virtual or by pre-scheduled appointment
- No student field trips during the instructional day
- No large group gatherings or events will be held during the instructional day.

**\*New\* Modified Campus Phase 1 Safety Protocols for all Elementary & Secondary Campuses**

- Classroom protocols modified to require students and staff to wipe down their workspace at the beginning of use. Hand sanitizer and wipes will continue to be available in all classrooms for students
- Elementary playground equipment may be utilized by students during recess ensuring hand sanitizer and hand washing time is available immediately after use and before returning to class. District custodial staff will sanitize the playground equipment each morning prior to student use.
- Library and computer lab(s) may be utilized with the requirement of cleaning work-spaces before student use. Additionally, time should be incorporated following group instruction for hand washing before returning to regular class instruction.
- Returned library book are quarantined for a 6-day period before being checked out again to students.
- Elementary & Secondary grouping of students for instructional purposes will be allowed with facial covering protocol is strictly adhered to, desk shields utilized where possible and continued cleaning of workspaces by students.
- Campus events, outside the instructional day, may be allowed with supervising event staff completing a required COVID-19 safety and mitigation training. Event capacity for indoor events, outside the instructional day, may be limited and must follow current state, local and TEA guidance.