



# 2021-2022 School Opening Plan & FAQ

The Clear Creek Independent School District is a safe and nurturing place for children to learn and grow. The school district is proceeding with opening the 2021-2022 school year on schedule and with certain health protocols in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our schools.

All employees and families should consider the [Centers for Disease Control guidelines](#) which most recently recommends people wear face coverings indoors even if they have been vaccinated.

In Texas, Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order prohibiting school districts from requiring face coverings indoors after June 4, 2021. This executive order is in effect which means Clear Creek ISD will not require face coverings.

Clear Creek ISD held summer camps and summer school without a face covering requirement. Staff and students made their personal choices regarding face coverings. Clear Creek ISD did not experience significant disruptions due to COVID-19.

We continue to work closely with local health departments to communicate vaccination sites and offer schools as community vaccination locations upon request.

As we approach the new school year, Clear Creek ISD will utilize a [Health Mitigation Protocol](#) system, like the COVID-19 Standard Response Protocol from last year, to guide decision-making as to when to increase mitigation measures if there is evidence of a spread of COVID-19 within a classroom, school or district facility. Clear Creek ISD will be opening under "Stage 4" which means attendance rates are within the normal historical range, active COVID-19 case count is below 1% districtwide, and vaccines are widely accessible for eligible persons.

Visit [www.ccisid.net](http://www.ccisid.net) for additional information.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### When does school begin?

The Clear Creek Independent School District will start the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, August 16, 2021, with transition grades only i.e. pre-kindergarten (including special education prekindergarten), kindergarten, 6th grade, and 9th grade. This day is designed to allow time for students to get to know their new school. The remaining grades will return on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

Last year, CCISD added ten (10) minutes to the school day to allow time to wash hands and practice COVID-19 prevention protocols. This year, CCISD will keep five (5) of those minutes as part of the school day.

### New school times are as follows:

High School  
7:10 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.

Elementary School and Intermediate  
Magnet Programs  
8:10 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Intermediate School  
8:50 a.m. - 4:05 p.m.

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## Will CCISD require face coverings?

Governor Greg Abbott's executive order ([GA-36](#)) states face coverings cannot be required in public school buildings after June 4, 2021. Clear Creek ISD is closely monitoring the transmission of COVID-19 and will share information with the school community if the district must take additional mitigation measures as outlined in the [2021-2022 Health Protocols](#). This phased approach served CCISD well last year. It has been revised to reflect new procedures.

While Clear Creek ISD cannot require face coverings, families should consider the Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 guidelines which recommend people wear face coverings indoors.

It is important that parents/guardians share with their children to respect the personal choices of others as it relates to face coverings. Students will not face disciplinary action of any kind if they make a personal choice to not wear a face covering. If students wear a face covering, it must align with the [CCISD Dress Code](#).

## Will there be social distancing in schools?

With all students physically returning to school, Clear Creek ISD cannot guarantee social distancing in classrooms, cafeterias, or common areas. Instructionally, Clear Creek ISD will return to small group work, hands-on labs, etc. Clear Creek ISD cleaning protocols have been aligned to support these activities with plenty of cleaning supplies and regular disinfecting of common areas.

## What is CCISD doing to slow the spread of COVID-19?

Clear Creek ISD convened a committee of staff, students, and parents to develop school opening plans for the 2021-2022 school year. The plans were based on state law, medical recommendations, and community feedback. [Click here to view the plan](#) for slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Clear Creek ISD will continue its cleaning protocols and provide each teacher access to hand sanitizers and hand wipes.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 case, CCISD will disinfect the area(s) in accordance with CDC guidelines.

## Will students and staff be asked to complete a Self-Health Assessment?

Yes. All students and staff should pre-screen prior to coming to school/work. If you have any new symptoms that are not from a pre-existing condition, you are asked to remain home until you are symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours and/or seek advice from a medical professional.

Families and staff are asked to report their illness with the school nurse for COVID-19 monitoring purposes and local health department reporting requirements. Parents can do so through [Skyward Family Access](#). Campus-based employees should notify the school nurse. Non-campus staff should contact CCISD Health Services Department at [covidnurse@ccisd.net](mailto:covidnurse@ccisd.net).

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## What if I test positive for COVID-19?

Whether you are symptomatic or asymptomatic, anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should not report to school or work for a minimum of 10 days or earlier with clearance from a licensed physician. Student absences will be excused. Staff members may use their accrued leave or contact CCISD Benefit Services Department to discuss options.

Staff must report positive COVID-19 test results to CCISD Health Services. Parents should report positive test results with the school nurse. This will assist Clear Creek ISD in monitoring the health and wellbeing of students and staff.

## Will Clear Creek ISD be contact tracing potential close contacts?

The Texas Education Agency has instructed local school districts to report any known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department daily. Galveston County Health Department and Harris County Health Department have the responsibility to investigate and notify any potential close contacts.

Clear Creek ISD will not be conducting its own contact tracing system like it did in the 2020-2021 school year. CCISD Health Services will assist the local health department as required by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

As noted in the Health Mitigation Protocol, Clear Creek ISD may reinstitute its contact tracing system based on the extent of transmission. During the 2020-2021 school year, there were minimal school-wide disruptions due to COVID-19. The Health Mitigation Protocol states that if the attendance rate falls below 90% of the historical rate, Clear Creek ISD may move a school or the district to a higher level of alert.

## If I am informed that I am a close contact, can I come to school/work?

Please follow the guidance provided by the local health department or your physician. If the local health department or a physician advises you to self-quarantine, do not come to school/work.

If you have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19 and if you are experiencing symptoms synonymous with the virus, please stay home, seek guidance from a physician, and get tested for COVID-19.

Employees who have had a potential exposure to COVID-19 and are not symptomatic may return to work under the CDC workplace guidelines or take personal leave/sick days to quarantine. CCISD Benefit Services Department will assist employees in this decision-making process.

## Will Clear Creek ISD require students and staff to receive a COVID-19 vaccination?

Student vaccination requirements are not determined at the local level. [Click here](#) to view the vaccination requirements for students by age. There is not a state requirement for students to be vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to attend a public school. CCISD employees are not required to be vaccinated.

## If there is a positive COVID-19 case, will parents be notified?

Yes. Clear Creek ISD will continue to communicate COVID-19 active cases to parents and staff daily as well as maintain its COVID-19 dashboard.

For more information, visit [www.ccisd.net/covid19](http://www.ccisd.net/covid19) or contact the Office of Communications at 281-284-0020 and email at [information@ccisd.net](mailto:information@ccisd.net).