



# HOLLAND ISD

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATES  
FALL 2022

***Please note: The information in this document is subject to change as directives are provided by governing agencies and/or health officials or as environmental needs change.***

## Student and Staff Safety Protocols

Holland ISD is committed to the health and safety of every student and staff member, as well as, our community. We will follow the guidance and best practices of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), Bell County Department of Health, Texas Education Agency, and local governance. The “Bell County” Community risk levels (low, medium and high) could impact local decision making with regards to protocols and schedules as the levels change. The “Bell County Area” refers to the rural cities in the county other than: Belton, Harker Heights, Killeen or Temple. The “Bell County Area” is made up of: Burlington, Troy, Nolanville, Salado, Rogers, Holland, Moody, Little River Academy, Morgans Point Resort, Kempner, Pendleton, Heidenheimer, Bartlett and Fort Hood. The Bell County Health Doctor shared that it would be appropriate to use the group of rural cities to determine our community risk level.

### 1. General Safety Updates

- Holland ISD is currently installing electronic locks to the High School, Middle School, Student Center, Elementary, Primary and Administration buildings. All doors will remain locked during the school day. Visitors will have the ability to push the intercom button beside the front door of each building and ask to enter the building. Each exterior door will also have a sensor that will send an alert when it is not closed. Teachers and staff will be using their staff badge to enter their building. Hopefully, the installation will be completed by the end of next week. Until then, doors will be locked on each campus.
- Student monitoring software will be used to support the appropriate use of Holland ISD issued devices.
- Additional security cameras will be installed this fall on our campuses.
- An accidental student insurance policy was purchased for each student during the school day and/or while participating in a school activity. Additional information will be available in the next few days via email and our website.
- A security audit was conducted this summer to determine if exterior doors were closing properly.
- Training for staff was conducted during in-service to support the overall safety process.

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## 2. Health Updates

- Students and Staff will need to be off campus for 5 calendar days from the onset of COVID symptoms or a positive test result. A doctor's note stating an alternate diagnosis could be provided to allow the student/staff member to return before 5 calendar days.
- The same COVID symptoms, as before, determine if a student needs to stay home.
- Daily routines will be as normal as possible, pre-COVID, when the Community Risk Level is Low. Routines will adjust accordingly when the Risk Level rises to Medium or High.
- Routines such as transportation, visitors, pep rallies in gym, large indoor gatherings in the cafeteria or other buildings, frequency of cleaning and deep cleaning will change as the risk level rises.
- District COVID dashboard information will be provided when the risk level rises to Medium or High.
- Masks will be encouraged but not required for students and staff for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Students and staff should wash hands and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day, as well as, during specified times. Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the district.
- PPE will be provided for staff and students in emergency situations.
- Four days a week Social and Emotional support will be available on campus.
- We will continue to consult the CDC, TEA, Bell County Health Department and UIL for guidance.
- As with any illness, parents must provide the school with documentation of a positive test or note from their medical provider to receive an excused absence.
- A parent can choose to quarantine their child if they feel they were considered a "close contact". The school will not require students to stay home if they have been considered a "close contact"
- On-Campus learning will be the only option to receive credit for attendance.
- Holland ISD will continue to send a notification email to staff, students and parents when there is a test-confirmed positive case impacting your student.
- Parents should screen daily and should not send their student to school if the student has COVID symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19.

**These procedures will be reviewed and discussed on or before **February 8, 2023** and will be updated at least every 6 months with the opportunity for a stakeholder engagement survey and a public hearing at a school board meeting until the conclusion of the ESSER grant.**

**These procedures were last updated on **August 10, 2022.**  
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