



Chapel Hill Academy 2023-2024 Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services (RIPICS) Plan

Continuation of services, Policies and Procedures

Chapel Hill Academy operates in compliance with existing state laws and regulations, including all executive orders issued by the governor of Texas in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that are currently in effect.

- If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-38 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As provided in this Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who have or are suspected of having COVID-19 and must immediately notify parents if this is determined while on campus. As noted in the rule, exclusion shall continue until the conditions for re-entry are met:
 - For children with symptoms, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free, and other symptoms have improved.
 - Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 5 days after the day they were tested.
- 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.

What should I do if I get sick?

- Stay home until your fever has been gone for at least 24 hours unless you experience significant symptoms, then contact your medical provider before you seek care.
- Limit your contact with others in your household, if possible.
- If possible, limit the number of people who provide you care within the home, so you don't expose them.



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- Contact your medical provider before seeking care. If you don't notify them before arriving the clinic or hospital, immediately grab a mask and let the intake staff know your concern that you don't potentially expose others while waiting to be seen.

Public Comment

CHA's Return to In-Person Instruction Plan has been developed to meet the current state requirements as well as CDC guidelines. Our leadership and administration continue to monitor state guidance to adhere to our state's requirements, as well as to continue to be a support system for all students and families. This plan is revised and updated every 6-12 months to ensure that all state requirements, CDC guidelines and public input are met.

Please contact us with comments or questions requiring clarification.

All CHA families are highly encouraged to contact the school's administration's office should they have additional questions at 817-289-0242.

This guidance is subject to change as new information becomes available.