



Sam Houston State University Charter School

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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2022-2023 COVID-19 Response Protocols

The details on this document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities and/or health officials or as environmental conditions change.

In-Person Protocols

The SHSU Charter School will follow the protocols below for teachers, staff, students, volunteers, and visitors to the campus:

Temperature Checks

All employees, volunteers, students, and visitors will have their temperature checked before they can enter the building. We will scan the student's temperature in the drop-off line before they exit the vehicle. Any person with a temperature higher than 100°F will be sent home.

Face Coverings (Masks)

In compliance with the Governor's Executive Order (GA-36) issued on May 18, 2021 public schools may not require face coverings be worn by staff, students, or visitors to the campus. Face coverings may be worn by individuals that choose to do so.

Hand Sanitizer and Hand Washing

As students enter and exit the buildings, classrooms, and other areas of the school they will be given hand sanitizer to use. We will also add into each instructional schedule a specified time for supervised hand washing in the morning and in the afternoon.

Social Distancing

In the classroom students will be social distanced as much as possible.

Campus visitors will be permitted in a limited capacity as determined by school administration in response to ongoing positive case occurrences in the Houston area and our schools. Parent conferences and shared student lunches will be permitted in-person, but will be determined by campus-specific social distancing availability.

After School Cleaning

Each owner of the buildings understands the importance of deep cleaning all school areas at the end of the day.

Prevention and Response to COVID-19 (Updated July 2022)

STUDENTS: Students that come in close contact with confirmed-positive COVID-19 cases are strongly encouraged to obtain a lab-confirmed PCR test, but Charter School staff will also accept a reliable Home Test positive result. Parents will be required to submit documentation of positive test status for confirmed and close-contact cases.

If You Test Positive for COVID-19:

Report your positive case to the school by contacting

- 1.) your child's teacher and,
- 2.) the school office at 936-29-3347 or emailing rcc036@shsu.edu
- 3.) request Zoom conferencing information for Remote Interventionist if applicable

Choose a return to campus option regardless of vaccine status:

Option 1 – Standard Return: Students may return to school after all of the below are met:

- at least 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms or asymptomatic test date,
- at least 24 hours fever free has passed without the use of fever-reducing medications, and
- symptoms are improving.

Option 2 – Early Return: Stay home for 5 days after the date your symptoms began or the date of your test if asymptomatic.

- no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, and
- student has been fever free for at least the last 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications

If you have a close contact (in your household) positive for COVID-19:

Report the positive household case to classroom teachers and the school office.

Choose a return to campus option:

Option 1 – Standard Return: You may return to school/ work after at least 10 days have passed since exposure.

Option 2 – Early Return: Stay home for 5 days following exposure, return on Day 6 with negative test on day 5.

Option 3 – Early Return Vaccinated: You may choose not to quarantine.

EMPLOYEES: The SHSU Charter School will require teachers and staff to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day. The self-screening should include teachers and staff taking their own temperature. Teachers and staff must report to the SHSU Charter School administration if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted above.

VOLUNTEERS: Before volunteers and visitors are allowed onto campuses, the SHSU Charter School will screen all volunteers and visitors to determine if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below.

Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School

Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, the SHSU Charter School will notify all teachers, staff, and families with direct contact to an individual with a lab-confirmed or home test-confirmed COVID-19 case.

COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following questions:

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
Loss of taste or smell
Cough
Difficulty breathing
Shortness of breath
Fatigue
Headache
Chills
Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
Shaking or exaggerated shivering
Significant muscle pain or ache
Diarrhea
Nausea or vomiting

Close Contact

This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. Close contact is determined by an appropriate public health agency. For clarity, close contact is defined as:

- being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on)
- being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual

and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset.

In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming lab test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming lab test.