



COVID-19 Mitigation Guidelines

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The following guidelines relating to all UIL activities apply to the 2020-2021 school year and will be effective as of August 1, 2020. UIL released these modifications to reflect the situation under current conditions. UIL will continue to work with state officials to determine if any changes need to take place. These guidelines are in addition to specific guidelines issues by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District appreciates your patience and understanding as we all try to navigate through this time. Please note that these guidelines can change at any moment and we will do our best to get the correct information out as quickly as possible.

Face Coverings

Executive Order GA-29: regarding face coverings, applies to all UIL activities. These guidelines are subject to change as the public health situation changes or Governor Greg Abbott issues any new Executive Orders.

- Face coverings include non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings, or full-face shields to protect eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Employees, parents, visitors, and students (pre-k – 12) must wear face coverings or face shields upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in the contest.
- EMS ISD has specific face covering information in the Reconnect 2020 Plan that pertains to students and staff.

Exceptions:

- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.
- While a person is consuming food or drink.
- When a congregated group of persons maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing.

General Operational Guidelines (Required of all schools)

All information regarding the EMS ISD Athletics Mitigation Guidelines can be found on the Athletics website.

Required Screenings

- Schools must require staff to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in UIL activities or entering areas where UIL activities are being conducted.
- Staff must report to the school if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus and

away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry.

- Staff must report to the school if they have had close contact with anyone who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, must remain off campus from all UIL activities until the 14-day incubation period ends. Close contact can be defined as being directly exposed to infectious secretions (coughed on) or being within six feet of someone for at least 15 minutes who is lab-confirmed. Please note that the definition of close contact can change as determined by local health officials.
- **Parents must self-screen their child before sending them to any UIL activity. This includes taking the child's temperature.**
- **Parents must ensure they do not send a student to participate in UIL activities if the student has COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed.**
- Upon entrance to any UIL activity, all visitors must be screened to determine if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19. If so, they must remain away from UIL activities until they meet the criteria for re-entry.
- Schools must also screen to determine if visitors have had close contact with anyone lab-confirmed with COVID-19.
- Schools must immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Re-entry criteria for staff members and students:

- At least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (no fever without the use of fever reducing medications).
- Individual has improvement in symptoms.
- At least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

In the event an individual wants to return to school before the recommended incubation period is over, they must receive a medical professional's note clearing them or obtain an acute infection test at an approved testing location that comes back negative for COVID-19.

Required Actions if individuals with lab confirmed COVID-19 cases have been at school or in an area where UIL activities are being conducted:

- School must notify the local health department if an individual has been in an area where UIL activities are being conducted after being lab confirmed with COVID-19. **(Must include confidentiality requirements in relation to FERPA and the ADA).**
- Schools must close off areas that are heavily used by the lab-confirmed individual until those surfaces can be disinfected.
- Schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school when a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among an individual who participates in any UIL activities.

- In the event a student is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 and participated in a contest against another school, the school must notify all schools and sports/contest officials that were involved.

Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District reserves the right to prevent any individual who fails the screening criteria from being admitted into school facilities or sites where UIL activities are taking place.

Symptoms Screening

- Schools must only require the individual to provide a “Yes” or “No” to any symptom screening question.
- If an individual answered “Yes” to any question and has met the criteria for re-entry to any UIL activity, the school district must destroy the individuals’ responses.

COVID-19 Symptoms

- 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

Performance Areas, Band Halls, Locker Rooms, and other Congregate Settings

EMS ISD is committed to providing healthy and safe facilities for students and visitors. The district cleans and sanitizes all areas where students and visitors frequent. Areas of focus include the following:

- The district provides hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes and encourages everyone to use soap and water frequently.
- High-touch surfaces are regularly cleaned.
- Equipment and lockers are high priorities and disinfected each day.
- The district will wash towels and practice uniforms for students daily.
- All students and staff members must wear face coverings while inside locker rooms, meeting rooms, training rooms, band halls, and other areas where students may congregate, other than shower facilities.

- Schools may provide food, water, and other drinks as necessary, but it is highly encouraged that students bring their own water and that they do not share with others.

Game Contest and Event Management

- The district will follow TEA guidance related to busing and transportation.
- Teams and participants are **required** to wear face coverings when not actively participating.
- The home site will provide clean and disinfected areas for the visiting teams. All participants including officials, judges, and volunteers, must be screened prior to working the event.
- Fans and spectator areas should be a minimum of six feet from the team. Face coverings should be worn when social distancing cannot be achieved.
- Press box areas may have limited seating and must practice social distancing.
- The district will provide an area for officials to dress and meet that has been cleaned and sanitized.
- Pregame and post-game meetings between teams and gestures of sportsmanship should be conducted in a safe manner.
- The district will take steps to not co-mingle participants and non-participants and fans. This could include separate pathways for all involved.
- Individuals not essential to the team or group will not be given access to contest areas, performance areas, courts, or fields at any time before, during, or after contests and events.

Student Groups not directly involved in the game

- The district may limit field-level access by student groups and non-essential participants who are not directly involved in the game or contest.
- All student groups are required to wear face coverings.
- Student groups will remain separate from all contest participants at all times and should avoid mixing with fans or non-group members throughout the game or contest.
- Fans and spectators will be located at least 10 feet from bands playing wind instruments in the stands.
- Students should always maintain appropriate distancing from contest participants, including when on the sidelines.

Spectators, Audience, Fans, and Media

1. Schools may allow spectators at a **50% capacity** when social distancing can be achieved.
2. Groups should maintain at least six feet of distance. A group is defined as no more than ten (10) people.

3. The district may have specific seating arrangements that provide for social distancing. Spectators must wear masks when social distancing cannot be achieved.
4. Press box seating will be limited at the discretion of the district.

Concession Stands and Food Services

- All volunteers in food service are required to wear face masks, gloves, and must self-screen before working.
- Workers should designate a monitor to make sure all cleaning and disinfecting is done properly.
- Workers should limit contact between the individuals involved in food service and patrons as much as possible.
- Employees, contractors, and volunteers must follow proper food-handling protocols.