



September 27, 2020

Dear EMS ISD families and staff,

We hope you have enjoyed a nice weekend. Please remember that all students, staff, and visitors are required to self-screen for [COVID-19 symptoms](#) each day before coming to a campus or district facility. As we continue with in-person learning and with the fall sports season underway, we ask that you take extra care to ensure you and your child are healthy when entering a campus or attending an event.

If your child is experiencing any of the symptoms listed below, **please keep him/her home from school, activities, practices, rehearsals, etc.**, and contact your school nurse for next steps.

- **Your child is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19**
  - Feeling feverish or have a measured temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Cough
  - Difficulty breathing
  - Shortness of breath
  - Headache
  - Chills, shaking, or exaggerated shivering
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Significant muscle pain or ache
  - Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- **Has had direct exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (also known as "close contact")**
- **Has been tested for COVID-19 and is awaiting test results**
- **Has received a lab-confirmed positive test result for COVID-19**

Please remember that while there may only be one lab-confirmed case on a campus, it could impact dozens of other students and staff members as close contacts who must then remain home for a 14-day quarantine period per state requirements. This is why it is **imperative** that students **not come to school** if they have symptoms. Large numbers of close contacts on a campus could postpone or cancel extracurricular activities or, ultimately, impact a school's ability to continue offering in-person learning.

Together, we can all help our schools and facilities to remain open and our activities to continue by proactively self-screening each day and following all health safety protocols while on campus. Please visit the [Reconnect 2020 website](#) for information about district and campus health safety protocols, screenings, notifications, and operations in a COVID-19 environment.

Thank you for your continued partnership and cooperation. Have a great week in EMS ISD!

Sincerely,

EMS ISD Health Services