

**Communicable Diseases**

The District shall comply with the protocol established by the Texas Department of State Health Services for Communicable Diseases to include but not limited to COVID-19, AIDS/HIV Infection, Chickenpox(Varicella), Head Lice, Measles (Rubeola), Shingles, Pertussis(Whooping Cough), Tuberculosis, etc...

The Texas Department of State Health Services works in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The information about the protocol may be accessed by contacting a campus nurse.

The information is also available at:  
<https://dshs.texas.gov/>

**Exclusion**

The major criterion for exclusion from attendance is the probability of spread from person to person.

See FFAD (LEGAL): Exclusion:

- Communicable Conditions Defined by Rule
- Communicable Disease Designated by Commissioner

See Exhibits:

- Exhibit A: COVID-19 Exclusion and Quarantine Guidelines Flowchart
- Exhibit B: Nurse COVID-19 Documentation Reference

**Definition of Terms**

Close Contact is defined as someone being directly exposed in the last 14 days to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on) or being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes to an infected individual, regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask. Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset, or in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, two days prior to the confirming lab test.

Presumptive Positive is defined as someone meeting clinical AND epidemiologic evidence of COVID-19 (exposure to close contact) but without confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Last Exposure is defined as the date of confirmed contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive or presumed positive. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting 48 hours (or 2 days) before the person has any symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. Last exposure to an asymptomatic COVID-19 positive person begins on the date of specimen collection. Last exposure to a symptomatic

COVID-19 positive begins on 2 days prior to illness onset.

Approved:

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