

# Unified School District 353

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Parents and families of USD 353 students,

We are excited to get the 20-21 school year started. We take the health and safety of your student very seriously. We understand you may have questions and concerns regarding how our district is responding to COVID-19 and the policies that will be implemented to try and maintain a healthy learning environment. School will look different for students this year and we hope you can help us in preparing your student for the start of the year. We will be putting short, educational videos and posters on the school website for the younger kids on topics ranging from mask-wearing to what to expect coming back to school. Please go to [www.usd353.com](http://www.usd353.com) and click on the Health Information and Resources tab.

Health guidelines are changing daily, but we do want to take a minute to update you on what we know right now. As most people are aware, Governor Kelly mandated Executive Order 20-59 that outlines health guidelines for all KS schools. This mandate states all students must wear masks, have daily temperature checks before entering the building and wash/sanitize hands hourly.

What might a typical day following safety precautions look like?:

First, If your student has a temperature of 100.4 or greater and/or states they have two or more of the following symptoms upon initial screening they will not be admitted into the school and they will need to return home with you. If students develop a fever or 2 or more symptoms throughout the day, you will be notified and required to come pick them up. COVID-19 symptoms may change throughout the year, we will follow guidance from the Sumner County Health Department and keep you updated of any changes.

- COVID-19 related symptoms:
  - Fever/chills
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache

- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Additionally, a typical school day may include:

- Temperature and symptom screening prior to entrance into building
  - Bus students will be screened before getting on bus
  - Students brought by car will be screened in cars if possible
  - Students walking or riding bikes will be screened at entrance of building
- Students K-12 will be required to wear masks while on school grounds
  - Masks may be removed for lunch
  - Outdoor mask breaks will be encouraged with social distancing
- Frequent hand hygiene
  - Students will sanitize hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer no less than once per hour.
- When possible, a social distancing of 6 feet will be maintained between students.
- Staff working with students reporting they have possible COVID-19 symptoms will be wearing personal protective equipment
  - This may include mask, face shield, gown, gloves, etc.

We know these are uncertain times and we are working hard under the guidance of Sumner County Health Department to keep your students safe and healthy. This includes that students must be up-to-date on all immunizations and physicals before the school year starts. We will release more details as they become available to us so that families can better prepare for the year ahead.

Remember, the best way to stay healthy is frequent hand washing, maintaining social distancing and staying home when you're sick.

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Your child will be screened before entering the building every day. Your student will **not** be allowed to enter the school building if he/she has a fever of **100.4** or greater **OR** states they have 2 or more of the following COVID- 19 symptoms:

- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a student develops a fever of 100.4 or reports they have 2 or more of the symptoms listed above during the school day, they will be sent home. A parent will be notified and expected to pick up their student promptly.

***Students may not return to school until they are fever-free and symptom free for 24 hours without medication. Thank you for helping keep our schools healthy!***

# Health FAQ Sheet

**Here are some frequently asked questions and answers that will be beneficial as the new school year approaches. We will update this document online as information becomes available.**

Q. What if my student gets ill or quarantined with COVID-19?

A. The school will need documentation from a doctor or the Health Dept. Students will be able to work remotely from home while sick or quarantined.

Q. What is the protocol if there is a positive COVID-19 case in the school?

A. The school nurse will notify the Sumner County Health Department. Protocols will be followed per SCHD guidelines

Q. What symptoms constitute my student being sent home?

A. 1. Fever of 100.4  
2. Two or more of the following symptoms: Chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or constipation.

Q. What do I do if my student is sent home with COVID19 symptoms?

A. The student needs to remain at home until they are fever/symptom free for 24 hours without medication. Follow up with your primary care physician as needed.

Q. What do I do if my student tests positive for COVID-19?

A. 1. Parents should notify the school of the positive result.  
2. Student should isolate at home for 10 days from symptom onset AND at least 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medications, AND overall improvement in symptoms  
3. Student may return to school 10 days after symptom onset and 24 hours of being fever free without fever reducing medications and overall improvement of symptoms

Q. What do I do if the Health Department notifies me that my student has been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19?

A. The student must remain home, they cannot enter the school building. The student should quarantine and avoid public spaces for 14 days after the family member is fever free for 24 hours AND overall improvement in symptoms. Students and parents should monitor for symptoms. If the student begins to show symptoms, see your primary care physician.

Q. When should I keep my student home?

A. 1. Fever of 100.4 or greater  
2. 2 or more COVID-19 symptoms (see list above)  
3. Close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Q. How do I teach my student to properly wear a mask?

- A. 1. Students should wash their hands before and after touching the mask  
2. Mask should cover the nose, mouth and chin  
3. Wash reusable masks daily  
4. Do not touch mask while it is being worn  
5. Do not leave nose or mouth uncovered  
6. Do not remove mask while around others in public  
7. Do not share mask with family members or friends

\*See USD 353 website for educational video on mask-wearing

\*\* Students will be shown proper mask wearing during in person learning.