



Calvin Nelms Charter Schools 2021-2022 SY Return to School Plan

The Return to School Plan has been specifically developed for Calvin Nelms Charter Schools for the 2021-2022 School year. The Return to School Plan provides guidelines to inform staff, students, and families of the safest possible methods to ensure the health and safety of all while continuing to remain in compliance with all governmental mandates.

The Infectious/Communicable Disease Annex provides a general framework for prevention, preparedness planning, response, and recovery for a large-scale outbreak of an infectious/communicable disease. It outlines the roles and responsibilities of School District personnel and units and the support that public partners can be expected to provide to the School District. The protocols outlined below, utilize the Annex's framework, and serve as a guide in the specific response to the current COVID-19 pandemic within the Calvin Nelms community. Depending on the virus and the spread of the virus, some or all of these steps may be expanded, modified, or eliminated. The district superintendent, or his delegated representative, will work directly with state and local health authorities, Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Texas Department of Health & Human Services (TDHHS), authorities to implement appropriate actions based on the public health hazard. This appendix is provided in this abbreviated form to be released to the public in order to inform families and stakeholders while maintaining the integrity and privacy of the District Emergency Operations Plan, which is a protected document under Government Code. These guidelines are also adapted to be specific to the current COVID-19 pandemic and may change in accordance with on-going public health state orders and guidance.

The following guidelines serve to comprehensively meet the Texas Governor's Executive Orders GA-36, GA-34, TEA guidelines, University Interscholastic League (UIL) and all federal, state, and local public health department orders as best possible, while still providing in-person learning and participation in student programs. Last Updated 08/09/2021

Self-Prescreening: The best way to prevent the spread of illness in our schools is to stay home when ill. Students should not attend school if they have a **fever of 100.0 F** or higher or new onset of any of the following symptoms of illness that may include:

- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- **Diarrhea**
- Nausea or **Vomiting**

Washing and sanitizing hands often, especially before eating, after using the restroom, after blowing your nose, after coughing or sneezing, and after coming in to contact with highly touched objects such as doorknobs, handrails, etc. can help reduce the spread of illness.

Facial Coverings

- Facial Coverings will be optional for all staff and students (grades 6-12) to wear at their personal discretion and preference.
- Calvin Nelms Charter Schools will continue to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) including hand sanitizer for all employees and students.
- The front office will have facial coverings and other PPE items available for any employee or student upon request.

Governor Abbott's Executive Order 36 effective as of June 4, 2021, no governmental entity including public school districts may mandate the wearing of facial coverings.

Immunizations and medications

- All students enrolled at Calvin Nelms Charter Schools must follow state required immunizations.

Immunization requirements can be found at:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/school-requirements.aspx>

- COVID-19 vaccines are not required for staff or students. According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and recommended for all eligible individuals.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19: Calvin Nelms Charter Schools is required to report positive cases to the respective County Public Health Office and the Texas Education Agency. Staff and students positive for COVID-19 should stay at home and notify the front office immediately.

Both students and employees should isolate for ten days after the date of symptom onset or test date if asymptomatic as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Control (CDC). Individuals must be fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications before returning to school or work. Individuals must be diarrhea free for at least 24 hours without the use of diarrhea-suppressing medications before returning to school or work. District administrators will continue monitoring the situation along with any updates in requirements for exclusion from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Individuals who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (refer to symptom list on page 2) should:

- Consider isolating to prevent the unintended transmission of the virus to others as recommended by the CDC.
- Consider seeking medical guidance from your health care provider.
- Consider testing as recommended by the CDC.
- Consider wearing a mask or face covering if respiratory symptoms are present and if you choose not to test for COVID-19 to prevent the unintended transmission of the virus to others.

Employees are expected to stay home when ill and notify their supervisor. Students should not be sent to school when ill. The front office will assess students who become ill during the school day and parents/guardians will be contacted as needed. Students with a temperature of 100.0 F or higher, active vomiting and/or diarrhea, or any other signs of a communicable condition will be excluded from school until the readmission criteria for the conditions are met as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Visitors should not enter district facilities if they are ill.

Cleaning/Sanitizing:

- Maintenance and custodial teams will maintain a regular cleaning schedule to disinfect high traffic and commonly used spaces throughout the instructional day, including commons tables, restrooms, large group transition areas, and cafeteria between meals
- Hand sanitizer stations will be in multiple areas throughout the campus.

COVID-19 Positive Case Notifications: Calvin Nelms Charter Schools will notify the respective County Public Health Agency and the Texas Education Agency of any test-confirmed COVID-19 positive as required and post school website.