

Public Health Region 8 Guidance for Schools & Daycares

Reporting COVID-19, Influenza &
Other Notifiable Conditions

Schools located in the counties listed below should use the guidance on this document to report notifiable conditions to the DSHS Public Health Region 8 Epidemiology Program, in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code:

Atascosa, Bandera, Calhoun, De Witt, Dimmit, Edwards Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, Lavaca, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Wilson, Zavala

	COVID-19	Influenza	All Other Conditions
What to Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive COVID-19 PCR test Positive COVID-19 antigen test (including at-home test) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$, 37.8°C) and a cough/sore throat without a known cause other than influenza 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All confirmed or suspected cases of the conditions on the Texas Notifiable Condition list: https://www.dshs.texas.gov/notifiable-conditions
Reporting Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting is required. Report cases that meet the definition criteria using the survey link sent via email every Friday. Parent/guardian reports of a positive PCR or antigen test should be included. Complete one survey for <u>each</u> campus by Wednesday each week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting sporadic cases is voluntary. Reporting is required for outbreaks, influenza-associated pediatric mortality, and suspected novel influenza. Follow the guidelines in the "All Other Conditions" column. Report cases that meet the definition criteria using the survey link sent via email every Friday. Complete one survey for <u>each</u> campus by Wednesday each week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting is required. To report a notifiable condition, call our 24/7 reporting line: 210-949-2121 Note: Reporting timelines for each condition are specified on the Texas Notifiable Conditions List: https://www.dshs.texas.gov/notifiable-conditions The epidemiologist assigned to your county will contact you with further guidance and assistance.
Outbreaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To report a confirmed or suspected outbreak of any condition, call our 24/7 reporting line: 210-949-2121 The epidemiologist assigned to your county will contact you with further guidance and assistance. 		
Exclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exclusion and readmission criteria is available on the Communicable Disease Chart for Schools and Child-Care Centers, found on the DSHS website: https://www.dshs.texas.gov/idps-home/school-communicable-disease-chart 		