

# 2022-2023 COVID-19 GUIDE

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# GUIDE TO THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

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## OVERVIEW



The 22-23 Health and Safety Plan outlines current District safety procedures and protocols.



Face masks are optional for students, staff and visitors.



All persons are responsible for self-monitoring their own symptoms.

## STUDENT LEARNING AND WELL-BEING

Marquardt School District 15 is committed to providing students with the skills and knowledge necessary to be productive members of society and lifelong learners. Schools will provide all children with the tools, resources, and guidance to support their growth and achievement.

- MSD15 is committed to **providing every student a high-quality public education and the opportunity to succeed.**
- MSD15 will prioritize the **health and safety** of students, staff and their families first and foremost.

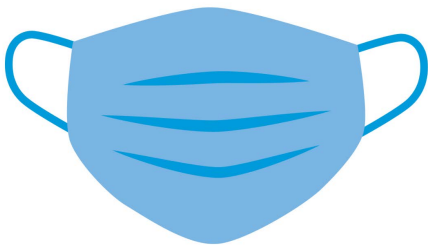
## 2022-23 HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

To keep students, families, and staff safe, Marquardt School District 15 will follow applicable law(s) pertaining to COVID-19 safety and mitigation measures.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, vaccinations are an important tool to stop the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccines are now available to anyone six months and older. All eligible individuals are recommended to get a vaccine.

**Each family and staff member must take personal responsibility for the communities' safety and health, as well as their own.** Marquardt School District will work in partnership with students, families, staff, and community to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. All students and staff will be responsible for self-monitoring their own symptoms.

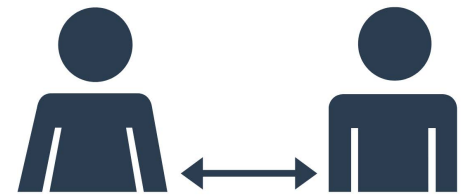
### HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS



MASK OPTIONAL



WASH YOUR HANDS



WATCH YOUR DISTANCE

**To protect students and staff, MSD15 and schools will:**

- ✓ **Communicate** health and safety requirements and procedures to families and staff
- ✓ **Educate families and staff** on health and safety procedures and protocols
- ✓ **Clean and disinfect** school and District buildings

## To prevent the spread of COVID-19, students and staff will:

- ✓ **Self-monitor for symptoms** prior to entering school and District buildings
- ✓ **Stay home when sick** and consult your medical provider.

## COVID-19 SITUATIONAL RESPONSE GUIDE

Any student or staff member who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms:

- Should take a COVID-19 test.

If negative:

- Stay home until symptoms are improving and they have been fever, diarrhea and vomit free for 24-hours without medication.

If positive:

- Students: contact your child's school health office for further guidance.
- Staff: contact the Human Resources Department for further guidance.

If a student or staff member has been exposed to someone with COVID-19:

- Monitor for symptoms and if symptoms develop, take a COVID-19 test.

COVID-29 tests may be available in your child's school health office. Please contact them to check availability.

## DAILY SELF-MONITORING

Self-monitoring requires individuals to be familiar with the common symptoms of COVID-19 and take appropriate action when experiencing one or more symptoms.

### Student, Staff and Visitor Self-Monitoring

**Everyone is required to self-monitor for the following symptoms:**

- Fever (100.0°F or higher) or chills
- New onset of moderate to severe headache
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New cough
- Sore Throat
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue from an unknown cause
- Muscle or body aches from an unknown cause

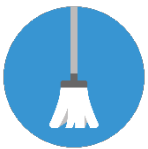
- **What happens** if my child has any of the above symptoms, including a fever of 100.0°F or higher?
- If your child has ANY of the above symptoms, you must keep them home.
  - If a student exhibits any of these symptoms while at school, you will be required to pick them up.



**All preschool students** will also be required to follow Metropolitan Family Services' COVID-19 health and safety procedures. These procedures and processes may differ slightly and will be communicated separately by Metropolitan Family Services and preschool staff.

## SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Marquardt School District 15 has updated procedures and enhanced systems to maintain safe and healthy environments for staff and students in its schools and buildings during the 2022-23 school year.



### CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

- All classrooms in which students and staff are present will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with local, state and federal guidelines.
- D15 will be responsible for creating and manage consistent cleaning schedules.
- District cleaning supplies are EPA approved and effective against COVID-19.
- UV lighting in classrooms will filter air during the day and clean surfaces overnight.
- Sanitation cabinets are available in each school to sterilize materials handled by children.



### VENTILATION

- MSD15 has doubled the amount of outside air being brought into the schools through the HVAC units in order to make fresh air intake as high as possible.
- HVAC units are running on fan mode to increase the circulation of the fresh air.
- MSD15 has a dedicated HVAC professional on staff who monitors the HVAC and the temperature of rooms to ensure it is working properly and to adjust as needed.
- Staff may open windows and interior classroom doors to increase air circulation.