



Dear Parents,

Consistent with Texas Education Agency (TEA) notification requirements for all communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a classroom or extracurricular or after-school program cohort if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participated in those classrooms or cohorts. In an effort to provide full transparency while maintaining the privacy of students and staff, the following procedures will be utilized to satisfy state notification requirements:

For PreK through 5th Grade

- Campus Nurse will notify the campus principal of a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.
- Principal will send notification to the homeroom teacher of the confirmed case.
- Homeroom teacher will send the district parent notification via email to their class.
- Principal will send notification of a positive lab-confirmed case to campus staff.
- Parents are encouraged to review the district COVID-19 tracker at <https://tinyurl.com/cjp4kark> for more specific campus information.

For Secondary Campuses (6-12)

- Campus Nurse will notify the campus principal of a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.
- Principal will notify the staff.
- Parent notification will be sent on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
- Parents are encouraged to review the district COVID-19 tracker at <https://tinyurl.com/cjp4kark> for more specific campus information.

The COVID-19 notification letters parents will receive are very similar to the letters CISD sent last year and contain the following information:

This letter is to inform you that a district employee, student, or visitor to our campus has received a positive, lab-confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, which requires parent notification. Consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, the name(s) of the individual(s) will not be released.

We are providing the following information to ensure your child's safety and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- *If your child receives a positive lab-confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, immediately notify the campus nurse.*
- *Letters will be sent as appropriate upon confirmation of a positive lab-confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.*

- *Monitor for symptoms: Out of an abundance of caution, we advise you to monitor your child's health and contact your child's primary care physician if your child develops symptoms.*
- *Isolation: If you are contacted that your child's classroom was affected, you have the option to quarantine your child at home for 10 days. If you choose to not quarantine your child, please continue to monitor for COVID symptoms each morning before school.*

The following steps have also been taken:

- *The district has notified and collaborated with the local health agency authority and/or the Regional Texas Department of State Health Services.*
- *The district has notified all school personnel.*
- *The district has taken appropriate cleanup action.*

The safety and health of our students are of utmost concern during this time and we will be working closely with appropriate outside agencies to provide appropriate next steps. Given the data from 2020-21 showing very low COVID-19 transmission rates in a classroom setting, as well as data demonstrating lower transmission rates among children, school systems are not required to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing. CISD is not contact tracing at this time; however, if CISD is made aware that a student is a close contact, CISD will notify the student's parents. Celina ISD will continue to monitor the health of our community, and we will continue to keep our community informed and updated through our COVID-19 Tracker, which is updated each Tuesday and Friday.

Sincerely,

Tom Maglisceau
Superintendent, Celina ISD