

Please see below new guidance for COVID reporting:

- Mask provisions of GA-38 are not being enforced as the result of ongoing litigation. Therefore, the wearing of masks remain optional.
- NIA will exclude anyone from any of our campuses or school activities who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected (showing symptoms) of COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19, and must immediately notify parents.
- Seating charts need to be implemented due to the mandate of notifying parents if their child is a close contact. Investigations / contact tracing is not mandated by TEA at this time.
- Close contact is still identified by an individual who is within 6ft for no more than 15 minutes of a confirmed positive COVID-19 test.
 - Can be as close as three feet and NOT be a close contact if both parties **were wearing masks or face guard**.
- Parents whose child is considered a close contact can opt to keep their child at home for the 10 day quarantine period or opt to send them to school.
- Teachers/staff who are considered a close contact must quarantine for 10 days from date of exposure, **regardless if they are vaccinated or not**. If these staff continue to work on campus, rapid testing must be performed at the start of the day, at least once every other day until the end of day 10.
- We will resume the sending of notification letters to notify teachers, staff and families of anyone in a classroom, 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.
- Identified close contacts will receive a phone call and an exposure letter. Tami and the campus nurse can resume the task of making phone calls and Tami will send the exposure letter to your Office Coordinator to forward to the identified close contacts.
- Principals notify your campus nurse and Tami Hernandez of the confirmed positive COVID-19 case with phone number.
- Please provide names and grade of each student who is quarantining at home, due to COVID symptoms. This is for internal reporting purposes only, at this time.