



## Welcoming you back safely in 2021!

Wills Point ISD will begin the 2021-2022 school year with students returning to in-person instruction on Thursday, August 19. We look forward to the first day of school with genuine excitement as students and staff return to classrooms, but also with a sincere commitment to ensuring student and staff safety and well-being.

WPISD will continue to consult with and review the guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as well as local, state and national public health officials.

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf/>

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>

Additionally, any order issued by the governor's office will be followed. Due to changing metrics and health trends, we anticipate possible changes and revisions to our operating procedures as the school year progresses. Updates will be provided as protocols can safely be changed. The following is a list of general guidelines to start our school year:

- Masks are optional at all district facilities, schools, and school buses for all students, employees, and visitors in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order issued May 18, 2021.
- Routine and frequent cleaning and disinfecting will continue at all district facilities including on school buses.
- Frequent handwashing will be encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be made available for all students and staff.
- Staff, students, and visitors are encouraged to practice physical distancing when possible.
- Weekly Covid-19 campus updates will be provided for those campuses that have positive cases reported.
- In the event of a positive COVID-19 case, communication will be provided to families in a manner deemed appropriate by the campus principal and/or school nurse while protecting the confidentiality of individuals and their healthcare information.

WPISD is committed to addressing the health, safety, and instructional needs of all our students. We will be responsive to the social and emotional needs of students, staff, and families by providing access to personnel such as professional school counselors.