



HOLY SPIRIT
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Health and Safety Addendum Protocols for Levels of Prevention

- 1** No Risk
- 2** Minimal Risk
- 3** Moderate Risk
- 4** High Risk

These protocols are designed to establish prevention measures based on the state of transmission within the school population (defined for this purpose as HSES students and staff) and local community. The levels of health and safety protocols have been identified by compiling information and recommendations from the [CDC](#), [TEA](#), [AAP](#), [Texas DSHS](#), and other health service guidelines, and have been adapted to fit the HSES community.

The purpose is to create a safe learning environment that provides flexibility in restrictions by implementing appropriate actions to prevent community spread according to the current conditions of the school and the area.

Levels of Prevention

The internal task force comprised of the leadership team and medical advisors review the condition of transmission within the internal community and local area to determine the level of threat. These stages of prevention are a guide that may be modified as needed based on the changing situation.

Level 1 – No Risk

These policies apply when there are no reported cases among the school population and the local health conditions are favorable.

Prevention Methods:

- Monitor symptoms.
- Wash hands and practice strict hygiene.
- Social distance when feasible.
- Masks optional for all students, staff and visitors.

Level 2 – Minimal Risk

These policies apply when there are less than 5% of positive cases reported among the school population and the local health conditions are monitored.

Prevention Methods:

- Monitor symptoms.
- Wash hands and practice strict hygiene.
- Social distance when feasible.
- Communicate with exposed individuals.
- Allow for exposed individuals to continue attending school if asymptomatic.
- Require masks for exposed individuals older than 2 years during on-campus quarantine period.
- Require masks for EC staff and EC visitors while with children younger than 2 years that are not able to mask or vaccinate in the event of an exposure in EC.
- Recommend masks for non-exposed students, staff and visitors for EC-MS, but optional.

Level 3 – Moderate Risk

These policies apply when there are more than 5% of positive cases reported among the school population and the local health conditions are considerable.

Prevention Methods:

- Closely monitor symptoms.
- Follow hygiene and sanitation practices such as washing hands, cleaning surfaces and disinfecting personal belongings.
- Social distance.
- Communicate with exposed individuals and school community.
- Allow for exposed individuals to continue attending school if asymptomatic.
- Require masks for exposed individuals older than 2 years during on-campus quarantine period.
- Require masks for non-exposed students K-8 students, staff and visitors.
- Highly recommend masks for non-exposed students in P3 and P4, but optional.
- Limit visitors on campus.
- Encourage virtual events to prevent gatherings.

Level 4 – High Risk

These policies apply when there are more than 10% of positive cases reported among the school population and the local health conditions are compromising.

Prevention Methods:

- Monitor symptoms daily and report to school clinic.
- Enforce strict hygiene and sanitation practices including washing hands, cleaning surfaces and disinfecting personal belongings.
- Zone cohorts and avoid mixing of groups.
- Implement social distance throughout the school day.
- Communicate with exposed individuals, school community and local health authority.
- Determine quarantine based on exposure at the discretion of the school nurses.
- Require masks for students P3-8 students and all staff.
- Restrict visitors on campus.
- Cancel in-person events.
- Host virtual gatherings.
- Offer remote learning for large groups of exposure.
- Transition to distance learning if transmission rate continues to increase and leads to school closure.

Health Services and Records

The school clinic is responsible for all health-related cases and medical records that pertain to students and staff. The nurses, in collaboration with local entities when needed, will record, report and manage all health services at HSES to ensure compliance with the standards of operation. The task force will designate the level of prevention by reviewing the internal data while following confidentiality and privacy procedures. Please contact the school nurses for questions or concerns related to health and medical.

**Holy Spirit Episcopal School may modify the Health and Safety Addendum as needed based on changes within the school community and under the guidance of public health officials.*