

Dear CFISD Community –

We want to provide you with an important update on the [LEAD Safely 2020-2021](#) plan, including modifications to the “Use of Face Mask” protocol for all students and staff. **As a reminder, the first day of instruction for all students in CFISD is Tuesday, Sept. 8.**

Learning Options (On-Campus or CFISD Connect):

- 46,013 or 41% of students have selected On-Campus instruction, and 60,264 or 53% of students have selected CFISD Connect (Remote). Only 6% of students have not responded. [See breakdown by school of On-Campus vs. CFISD Connect.](#)
- **Tuesday, Aug. 25 is the final day to select a student’s learning option (On-Campus or CFISD Connect) through the Home Access Center or make a change to a previously selected option.**
 - Log in to the [Home Access Center](#) using your PARENT login/password, NOT the STUDENT login/password.
 - Click the “Home” button. Select the “School Links” tab. Click the “Return to School Questionnaire.”
 - Please contact the Customer Care Center at 281-897-4357 if you require login assistance.

Modification of “Use of Face Mask” Protocol:

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently released new guidance strongly endorsing the use of face masks as a proven and effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for children two years of age and older. After carefully reviewing this guidance, we have made several modifications to our [“Use of Face Mask” protocol](#) that we believe will strengthen our ability to create a safe learning environment for students and staff.

- All staff and students (grades PK-12) must wear face masks on buses, in hallways, and in common areas. Students will wear a face mask when entering and/or exiting the gym, playground, or activity space and when not actively engaged in physical activity. Additionally, all staff and students (grades PK-12) will be required to wear face masks in the classroom when social distancing is not feasible and/or the teacher’s method for delivery of instruction warrants the use of face masks. All visitors (including parents, contractors, and vendors) will also wear face masks. Face masks will be provided for staff and students if needed.
- Face masks are defined to include non-medical and medical grade disposable face masks and cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) that meet the same protection standards as non-medical grade face masks. Additionally, face masks with exhalation valves (vents that allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material) may only be worn in combination with full-face shields.
- Limited exceptions to these rules will only be made for eating, drinking, therapy, or a medical condition or disability that prevents a person from wearing a face mask. Full-face clear shields as an accommodation may be used in place of a mask to protect eyes, nose, and mouth whenever a face mask is not feasible due to a medical condition or whenever the education context may benefit from the ability to see an individual’s full face.
- Students seeking an exemption from these rules for a medical condition or disability may do so in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Staff seeking an exemption from these rules for a medical condition or disability may do so in accordance with

the Americans With Disabilities Act. Written documentation from a medical provider will be required.

- Face masks must meet the Student Code of Conduct and dress code requirements.

In addition to the numerous health and safety protocols that are listed in the [LEAD Safely 2020-2021](#) plan, each campus will be implementing additional procedures specific to the needs of their students, staff, and building. Please reach out to your campus leaders if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this upcoming school year together.

Sincerely,

CFISD Communication