



# Whidby Elementary School for Leadership in Health Sciences

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Dear Whidby Parents/Guardians,

At Whidby Elementary, we have experienced a high number of student absences this 2021-2022 school year due to the pandemic with the rise of COVID-19 cases in the city. We know that many of our student absences can be attributed to those who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, or are positive for COVID-19, and therefore must quarantine for 5 days. With the loss of time away from school, we know that this is greatly impacting your child's education.

We hope to keep everyone well-informed of our district's COVID protocols as it relates to our staff and students. Please be aware of the following:

## UPDATED ISOLATION/QUARANTINE PROTOCOL

### COVID-19 Confirmed Positive

- Must isolate for 5 days regardless of vaccination/boosted status.
- If no symptoms or symptoms are improving after 5 days, can leave the house. Wears masks around others for 5 additional days.
- If fever is present, stays home until fever resolves without fever-reducing medicine.

### COVID-19 Presumed Positive

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### Exposed to COVID-19

- Depending on vaccination/boosted status will either be required to wear a mask for 10 days or quarantine for 5 days and wear a mask for additional 5 days.
- Test on day 5.
- If symptoms develop, must stay home.

If your child's absence is due to a **confirmed** positive COVID-19 case, or a **presumed positive** case (*a student that is sick with symptoms such as coughing, running nose, sore throat, fever, headache, nausea/vomiting*), please inform the school. Any student who is out due to these reasons, will be able to obtain virtual instruction with the district's Temporary Online Learning (TOL) and be considered "present" at school. However, to be able to be enrolled in TOL, there **must** be a doctor's note provided so that the campus can register your child for TOL. TOL is only available for 5 days at a given time, and it is only temporary while the child is recovering those 5 days. There is a maximum amount of 20 days per school year for TOL, and again this requires a doctor's note for us to enroll your child into TOL. Please contact Jackie Wilmore, our TOL coordinator, if you have questions about TOL.

We are hoping that this information will assist many of our parents/guardians with the latest and most recent updates regarding the district's COVID protocols. For more information, you can go to

[www.houstonisd.org/readyssetgo](http://www.houstonisd.org/readyssetgo).

For excessive student absences that are not COVID-related, the campus will be reaching out by phone and/or home visits by the administration team. Currently, the excessive student absences of some of our students are one of our main concerns as we know that their education is our number one priority. We highly encourage and hope that our students will remain consistent with coming to school daily on time at 7:30 am so that they could partake in the learning that happens everyday here at Whidby Elementary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school at (713)746-8170, Mondays thru Fridays from 7:30-3:30 pm.

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mimi', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mimi Lam

Principal



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Estimados padres de familia o tutores de la primaria Whidby,

Debido a la pandemia y con el aumento de casos de COVID-19 en la ciudad, hemos experimentado una gran cantidad de ausencias de estudiantes este año escolar de 2021-2022. Sabemos que muchas de las ausencias de nuestros estudiantes se pueden atribuir a aquellos que experimentan síntomas similares a los de COVID o que son positivos para COVID-19 y, por lo tanto, deben estar en cuarentena durante 5 días. Debido a la pérdida de tiempo fuera de la escuela, sabemos que esto tiene un gran impacto en la educación de su hijo/hija.

Esperamos mantener a todos bien informados sobre los protocolos de COVID de nuestro distrito en lo que respecta a nuestro personal y estudiantes. Tenga en cuenta lo siguiente:

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Si la ausencia de su hijo se debe a un caso positivo confirmado de COVID-19 o a un presunto caso positivo (un estudiante que presenta síntomas como tos, secreción nasal, dolor de garganta, fiebre, dolor de cabeza, náuseas/vómitos), informe al colegio. Cualquier estudiante que esté fuera por estos motivos podrá obtener instrucción virtual con el aprendizaje temporal en línea (TOL) del distrito y se considerará "presente" en la escuela. Sin embargo, para poder inscribirse en TOL, debe proporcionarse una nota del médico para que el campus pueda inscribir a su hijo en TOL. TOL solo está disponible durante 5 días a la vez, y solo es temporal mientras el niño se recupera esos 5 días. Hay una cantidad máxima de 20 días por año escolar para TOL, y nuevamente esto requiere una nota del médico para que podamos inscribir a su hijo en TOL. Comuníquese con Jackie Wilmore, nuestra coordinadora de TOL, si tiene preguntas sobre TOL.

Esperamos que esta información ayude a muchos de nuestros padres/tutores con las últimas y más recientes actualizaciones sobre los protocolos COVID del distrito. Para obtener más información, puede visitar [www.houstonisd.org/readyssetgo](http://www.houstonisd.org/readyssetgo).

Para las ausencias excesivas de estudiantes que no están relacionadas con COVID, el campus se comunicará por teléfono y/o visitas domiciliarias por parte del equipo de administración. Actualmente, las ausencias excesivas de algunos de nuestros estudiantes son una de nuestras principales preocupaciones, ya que sabemos que su educación es nuestra prioridad número uno. Alentamos mucho y esperamos que nuestros estudiantes se mantengan consistentes en llegar a la escuela todos los días a las 7:30 am para que puedan participar en el aprendizaje que ocurre todos los días aquí en la primaria Whidby.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con la escuela al (713) 746-8170, de lunes a viernes de 7:30 a 3:30 p. m.

Todo lo mejor,  
  
Mimi Lam  
Directora