The COVID Gauge is designed to give parents, students, staff, and stakeholders a visual indicator of the current public health status of both the district as a whole and individual campuses. These gauges will be posted on school and district websites and updated in real time, providing quick and easy access to the latest conditions.

COVID GAUGE LEVEL 4: GREEN - MINIMAL RISK
Resume Normal Operations: School open with little to no need for physical distancing

Green signifies a minimum and controlled level of COVID-19 in the community as determined by local health officials. Authorities advising residents to resume normal contact with others unless they’ve been exposed to the virus or are sick with the virus.

COVID GAUGE LEVEL 3: YELLOW - MODERATE RISK
Stay Vigilant: School open with moderate need for physical distancing

Yellow signifies a moderate but controlled level of COVID-19 in the community as determined by local health officials. Authorities advising residents to remain vigilant but resume activities and contact with others using physical distancing when possible.

COVID GAUGE LEVEL 2: ORANGE - SIGNIFICANT RISK
Minimize Contacts: Rolling school closures with required physical distancing

Orange signifies a significant and uncontrolled level of COVID-19 in the community as determined by local health officials. Authorities advising residents to minimize contact with others, avoid medium or large gatherings, and only visit places following public health guidelines.

COVID GAUGE LEVEL 1: RED - SEVERE RISK
Stay Home, Learn & Work Safe: School closures with required virtual learning

Red signifies a severe and uncontrolled level of COVID-19 in the community as determined by local health officials. Authorities advising residents to minimize contact with others and avoid leaving home except for the most essential needs.

Note: The COVID Gauge does not apply to Digital Learning Centers, which are open during the first six weeks to a limited number of pre-selected students who do not have access to technology at home.

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COVID GAUGE

H O U S T O N  I N D E P E N D E N T  S C H O O L  D I S T R I C T
**COVID GAUGE LEVEL 4: GREEN – MINIMAL RISK**
Resume Normal Operations: School open with little to no need for physical distancing
Harris County COVID-19 Positivity Rate (14-Day Average): < 1 percent

- Normal operations without restrictions
- In-person and virtual learning available
- Personal protective equipment and physical distancing protocols in place
- Building capacity determined by available space
- Limited student movement throughout school
- Enhanced cleaning protocols

**COVID GAUGE LEVEL 3: YELLOW – MODERATE RISK**
Stay Vigilant: School open with moderate need for physical distancing
Harris County COVID-19 Positivity Rate (14-Day Average): 1 to 3.9 percent

- Normal operations without restrictions
- Student activities considered on case-by-case basis
- Physical distancing when possible
- No assemblies or field trips
- Personal protective equipment and physical distancing protocols in place
- Athletic competitions and practices permitted based on conditions
- Varsity games held at district stadiums with limited fans
- Sub-varsity games held on campus with no fans
- Personal protective equipment and physical distancing protocols in place

**COVID GAUGE LEVEL 2: ORANGE – SIGNIFICANT RISK**
Minimize Contacts: Rolling school closures with required physical distancing whenever possible
Harris County COVID-19 Positivity Rate (14-Day Average): 4 to 7 percent

- Normal operations without restrictions
- Classroom and/or cafeteria meal service and curbside pickup
- Students sit two per seat by window
- Masks required
- 4-6 windows down when possible for ventilation
- Enhanced cleaning protocols
- Bus service limited to special education, homeless, elementary, and specialty school students. Service also may be provided for students in middle and high school and those who live along high-risk routes if resources are available

**COVID GAUGE LEVEL 1: RED – SEVERE RISK**
Stay Home, Learn & Work Safe: School closures with required virtual learning
Harris County COVID-19 Positivity Rate (14-Day Average): > 7 percent

- Normal operations without restrictions
- Work from office spaces
- Personal protective equipment and physical distancing protocols in place
- Enhanced cleaning protocols
- Building capacity determined by available space
- Limit face-to-face meetings

- Normal operations without restrictions
- Classroom and/or cafeteria meal service and curbside pickup
- Students sit one per seat by window
- Masks required
- 4-6 windows down when possible for ventilation
- Enhanced cleaning protocols
- Bus service limited to special education, homeless, elementary, and specialty school students. Service also may be provided for some students in middle school and those who live along high-risk routes if resources are available

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**SCHOOLS**
- Normal operations without restrictions
- In-person and virtual learning available
- Personal protective equipment and physical distancing protocols in place
- Building capacity determined by available space
- Limited student movement throughout school
- Enhanced cleaning protocols

**STUDENT GROUPS**
- Normal operations without restrictions
- Student activities considered on case-by-case basis
- Physical distancing when possible
- No assemblies or field trips
- Personal protective equipment and physical distancing protocols in place

**ATHLETICS**
- Normal operations without restrictions
- Athletic competitions and practices permitted based on conditions
- Varsity games held at district stadiums with limited fans
- Sub-varsity games held on campus with no fans
- Personal protective equipment and physical distancing protocols in place

**STUDENT MEALS**
- Normal operations without restrictions
- Classroom and/or cafeteria meal service and curbside pickup

**BUS SERVICE**
- Normal operations without restrictions
- Work from office spaces
- Personal protective equipment and physical distancing protocols in place
- Enhanced cleaning protocols
- Building capacity determined by available space
- Limit face-to-face meetings

**DISTRICT OFFICES**
- Normal operations without restrictions
- Work from office spaces
- Personal protective equipment and physical distancing protocols in place
- Enhanced cleaning protocols
- Building capacity determined by available space
- Limit face-to-face meetings

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