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.
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<td>- In-person and virtual learning available</td>
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<td>- Classroom and/or cafeteria meal service and curbside pickup</td>
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<td>Stay Vigilant: School open with moderate need for physical distancing</td>
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<td>- In-person and virtual learning available</td>
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<td>- Limited building capacity</td>
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### Movement between COVID Gauge levels

Movement between all COVID Gauge levels is based on a careful review of multiple metrics from both Harris County Public Health and the Houston Department of Health, as well as an ongoing assessment of reported cases and trends in the Houston Independent School District.

This data will be reviewed in conjunction with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HISD Communicable Disease Plan, Houston Department of Health, Harris County Public Health, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston Methodist, Greater Houston Partnership, Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Texas Education Agency, as well as the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency.