



# SOUTHSIDE

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Dear Southside ISD Parents and Staff,

The priority of our school district is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Therefore, we want to make sure that our stakeholders know Southside ISD's health guidelines. School districts must adhere to the public health guidelines of the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The guidelines are listed on our campus and district webpages and can be accessed at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>.

After careful evaluation of the circumstances, we are not at a level for schools to shut down. We are monitoring the situation daily and we will keep you posted with updates.

As a district, we highly recommend the use of masks. The district has available masks for any student, staff member, or parent who requests a mask. Staff also promotes constant hand washing and physical distancing as much as possible and continues with contact tracing. Vaccines and COVID testing are available at our Southside Clinic, located at 1461 Losoya Martinez Rd., the building is next to the Administration and HR buildings. Weekly student and staff free COVID testing is available every Wednesday at all campuses. The dates and times for COVID Testing at SISD are available at <https://southsideisd.org/covid19/>.

Lastly, the federal government is offering each household four free COVID-19 at-home tests. To receive yours, please visit [www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov).

Thank you for your continued support. We will keep you up to date with changes in health guidance from the Texas Education Agency. In addition, we are available for any questions or to address concerns you may have.

Rolando Ramirez  
Superintendent of Schools

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