

Dear Students and Parents of Union Hill ISD,

Monday, August 31st will be our first day of school at Union Hill ISD. It has been over 100 days since our students have been in school. We have missed the students and we are excited to begin the 2020-2021 school year. The traditional school setting will look very different from years' past.

The COVID virus has created many changes for the school year. Listed below are some of the precautions Union Hill ISD are taking to limit COVID in our schools.

Masks are required for 5th grade -12th grade students as well as all staff. Students in Pre-K - 4th grade may wear masks if they choose to wear them.

Masks are required for all students riding the bus, even students under the age of 10.

Masks and hand sanitizer will be available for all students throughout the day.

Busses will be sanitized after each route.

Rooms will be sanitized throughout the day and the entire campus will be sanitized at the end of each school day.

Elementary will eat breakfast in the cafeteria, junior high and high school students will have a grab and go breakfast to take to their first period class.

Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria as long as we can distance them at the tables. If distancing at the tables becomes an issue, some classes may be moved to a classroom to eat.

Parents are required to self screen their children prior to sending them to school each day. A checklist is posted on the website and Facebook.

All staff will self screen prior to entering the campuses.

Traffic in the junior high and high school buildings will be one way directional. There will be traffic patterns marked on the hallway floors.

There will be no visitors on campus this year. This includes the cafeteria.

Online instruction will be offered to any student not attending in person.

If a student has symptoms during the day they will be quarantined away from other students until a parent arrives to pick them up. During this time they will be supervised by a staff member. The quarantine areas are on campus and within the school buildings.

Once a student has fever or other COVID symptoms the nurse or campus office will communicate with parents the criteria each student must meet in order to come back to school.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, we are required by law to report it to the Texas Health Department. After we contact the Texas Health Department, they may contact you for exposure tracking.

If we have a confirmed case of COVID we will notify parents, students, and staff by posting on the school website and Facebook. If we have multiple campus cases there is a possibility school could close face to face instruction and revert to online instruction for all students.

Union Hill ISD desires to have all kids in the classroom this year. However, our number one goal is for our students and staff to stay healthy during the school year. As school has started across the state many school districts have reported COVID cases. Over the summer we have already had 3 students and 4 staff members contract COVID. We feel certain that we will have more cases in our school. If your child feels sick or is running a fever please keep them home and contact the school nurse or their campus office.

Union Hill ISD realizes there will be issues in the online learning instruction. Please be patient as we work through the process of this form of instruction. If you are having difficulty do not hesitate to reach out to the campus administrators. Most of our students already know how to login and work from a device. One of the most important aspects of online learning is that students log in every day and mark the attendance question for the day. If students are at home and mark the attendance question daily they will not be counted absent for that day.

Union Hill ISD placed an order for enough Chromebooks for all of their students in June, and an order for WIFI hotspots in July. Since the entire world is ordering technology devices, the devices we ordered are on backorder. We hope to have these devices in the upcoming weeks. Once the devices have been received we will distribute them to students. We are allowing students to use their own devices (laptops, tablets, and phones) in the classrooms until our technology components are delivered. If you have a specific need for a technology device, please contact your child's campus principal.

We appreciate your support during these unprecedented days. Our Union Hill families are our top priority and we will do everything we can to make this a successful school year for all. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Troy Batts