

# *Edward S. Marcus High School, Est. 1981*

August 25, 2021

Good afternoon MHS Students and Parents,

The first two weeks of school have certainly been challenging in many ways for our students, families, and staff, but they have also been overwhelmingly positive. I am encouraged and inspired every day by what I see from our students and staff. The faculty continues to rise above challenges, and the students have been so respectful and helpful to each other and to our staff. I would like to send a special thank you to our seniors. Seniors set the tone every year for the entire student body, and our seniors have been a great example of what it means to be a Marcus Marauder. We have all been very impressed with their leadership! Thank you as well to our families and surrounding community for all of your support. We have challenges ahead, but we'll continue to work together in order to provide our students with a great experience here at Marcus.

The reason I am reaching out today is to share some new information. As circumstances change daily with COVID-19, we want to keep you updated on Lewisville ISD's latest mitigation efforts.

## **WHAT'S NEW**

### **Masks**

Masks are **requested** for *all* individuals, regardless of vaccination status. Although we are not legally able to require masks, we are asking all families who are willing to do so to send students to school in masks. We will make the same request of our staff.

### **Positive Case Notification**

Starting Monday, Aug. 30, school personnel will send home campus-wide notifications to *all* families of positive COVID cases reported on campus. Any person identified who had a prolonged exposure will be notified individually and given the appropriate protocol to follow based upon the most current public health guidelines and in consultation with the Denton County Health department.

### **COVID Tracker**

Starting Monday, Aug. 30, all lab-confirmed positive cases reported to campus and/or district personnel will be tracked on a **daily** (Monday-Friday) basis at [LISD.net/covidtracker](https://www.lisd.net/covidtracker). The first daily update will be Tuesday, Aug. 31 and will reflect Monday's cases. Case numbers will be updated everyday for cases reported to the district for the day prior. Cases reported to the district on Friday's will be updated the following Monday. The tracker is not a real-time system.

### **Student Vaccines**

We strongly encourage families to seek advice from your health care provider about your child receiving the vaccine.

## **MITIGATION MEASURES**

The district will not be implementing additional mitigation measures for high schools at this time. LISD will continue to monitor the situation and collaborate with our high school administrators about necessary mitigation measures at their specific schools. High school campuses will adjust special events and other situations on a case-by-case basis.

For more information about LISD's mitigation measures at the elementary and middle school level, view the following communication that will be shared with elementary and middle school families this afternoon:

- [Elementary](#)
- [Middle School](#)

For more information, visit [LISD.net/covid](https://www.lisd.net/covid).

Thank you for your continued support.

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