

CHISD FAQ

Do your students have the mumps?

We have been advised by Dallas County Health and Human Services that all the student cases that have been reported are at Cedar Hill High School.

Why didn't you send communication to all parents?

We have been in communication with Cedar Hill High School parents. We communicated with principals and nurses at other campuses, but no other cases have been reported at any other school.

What are you doing about it?

Cedar Hill ISD has been following the guidelines of Dallas County Health and Human Services since they reported this issue to us three weeks ago. We have sent communication to parents at the high school via email and phone call outs and put information on our website. Additionally, we have hosted two immunization clinics and a third one will be available tomorrow.

Are you closing school?

The county has not advised us to do so and that has not been discussed. Keep in mind, we have more than 1,600 students at the high school. This is still a small percentage of students. Dallas County has not advised us to close school.

If I don't want to bring my student to school, will their absence be excused?

No.

What can I do?

Review your child's shot record and make sure they have had two rounds of the MMR vaccine. Dallas County is only recommending a booster shot for those students at CHHS. If your student doesn't attend CHHS, you can speak to Dallas County or your healthcare provider about getting a booster shot. Also, encourage your student to follow good hygiene and use hand sanitizer dispensers located in every classroom. Remember to follow our district protocol on illness. If your child has a fever, they must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

My child is scared, what should I tell him or her?

Remind them that they have had the vaccine and that it will help protect them against the mumps. Let them know that only a small percentage of students have it, and that prior to the vaccine it was a common childhood illness. Your student can speak to their school nurse if they have more questions.

Should I pull my student out of your school?

That is up to your discretion. Your healthcare provider or Dallas County Health and Human Services can help you make an informed decision.

What's the number for the county?

214-819-2000

What should I do if my child has been exposed by being around someone at the high school?

Call your physician or Dallas County for answers to help you make an informed decision.

Do we need to go get our children immunized as well?

Dallas County is not recommending booster shots for students outside of the high school.

Contact your physician or Dallas County for health related questions.

What if I have more questions?

Call your child's health provider, the school nurse at your campus, or Dallas County Health and Human Services, 214-819-2000.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter. Your child's health is important to us and we will continue to update you on our work with DCHHS.