



Hughes Springs
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

UIL Events Public Guidelines 2020-2021 School Year

This document is in line with current Texas Education Agency Public Health Planning Guidance and UIL COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines as of **August 4, 2020**. Information is subject to change as TEA & UIL guidance changes. This document is current as of the date listed at the top of each page.

Screenings

For screenings, individuals will be asked if they have recently begun experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 in a way that is not normal for them.

Signs & Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

Close Contact

When considering screening question, individuals should also consider whether they have been in “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19.

Close contact is defined as:

a) being directly exposed to infectious secretions (Ex: Being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield), **or**

b) being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes while not wearing a mask or face shield, however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming lab test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming lab test. Living in the same house with a lab-confirmed individual or caring for a lab-confirmed individual would also constitute close contact.

Teachers & Staff Screenings

Our teachers and staff will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to UIL events. This self-screen includes teachers and staff taking their own temperature.

Teachers and staff are also required to report to the district: 1) if they have come into close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19; or 2) they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms.

Spectators, Audiences & Fans

Spectators, audience members and fans are subject to current state, local and HSISD guidelines regarding screenings & masks.

All spectators, audiences and fans who enter areas where UIL activities are being conducted will be screened via a paper questionnaire or verbal questioning. Spectators, audience members and fans are also subject to contactless temperature checks.

As it stands, on August 3, 2020, everyone over the age of 10 would be required to wear a mask per the Governor Abbott's executive order.

Spectators, audience members and fans are *highly encouraged* to wear a mask to UIL events, even when there are no governor's executive orders in place.

Students

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to participate in UIL activities if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.

Parents are required to self-screen their children **each day** prior to sending them to school and/or participate in a UIL activity. The self-screen needs to include taking the child's temperature. The self-screen also needs to consider if the child has recently begun

experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 in a way that is not normal for them.

The school also has the right to screen students, and students **may be** subject to contactless temperature checks.

Our staff will also be monitoring students and contact the nurse if symptoms are present.

If a student is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse will complete a clinical assessment to determine if the student needs to be sent home.

If the nurse determines the child needs to be sent home, he/she will contact the parent. Someone will need to pick up the child within 30 minutes.

Staff, Students, Spectators, Audience Members and Fans should NOT enter the buildings or areas where UIL activities are occurring if any of the following apply. The individual is:

- ✓ Sick or has been sick in the past 14 days with any of these symptoms – Fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher), cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell
- ✓ Has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or has been in close contact with someone lab-confirmed to have COVID-19
- ✓ Has a household member who is awaiting COVID-19 test results or who is waiting on their own results
- ✓ Has traveled internationally or on a cruise in the past 14 days. These individuals must follow current CDC self-quarantine recommendations.

Disclaimer: Schools are permitted to refuse any individual, who fails the screening criteria, admission to the building or location where a UIL activity is occurring until they meet the criteria for re-entry described in the HSISD District Health Guidelines document, which is available on www.hsisd.net.

Hand Washing / Sanitizing

Hand sanitizer will be available, as will traditional soap/water in the restrooms.

Students, staff, and visitors will be encouraged to wash & sanitize their hands frequently.

Increased Cleaning /Sanitation

Our custodial staff will increase their cleaning and sanitation of commonly touched surfaces in the UIL events venue.

Masks / Face Coverings

HSISD is required to comply with all the governor's executive orders regarding the wearing of masks. Those orders supersede this document.

As it stands, on August 3, 2020, everyone over the age of 10 would be required to wear a mask to UIL activities.

Exceptions to wearing of face covering or face shields include:

- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.
- While a person is consuming food / drink
- While the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water
- When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social distancing
- Any other reason or circumstance indicated under Executive Order GA-29

Concession Stands

Concession stands will be open at the games. Please follow all directives and signage located at the concession stands. Please maintain 6 feet of social distancing and respect other people's personal space.

Spectators, Audiences & Fans

We can have a maximum of 50% capacity in our venues.

We will have every other row marked off in venues. **Please do not sit on the rows/seats that are marked off.**

Please allow for 6 feet of social distancing between your family group and the next family group on the same row.

Please respect other people's personal space.

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Passes

We will **not** be issuing or accepting any passes this year.

This includes district passes, Texas High School Coaches Association passes, staff passes, senior citizen passes, etc.

You must have a valid ticket to enter the stadium, gym, or other venue.

All persons, even babies and small children, count towards capacity and must have a valid ticket!

Varsity Football Tickets

We will pre-sell tickets for both home and away games. We will do this each week during the days preceding the game. Dates / times for pre-sale will be advertised on our website and social media accounts.

We will sell tickets at the gate, provided they were not all sold during pre-sale. If they were all sold during pre-sale, we will let everyone know on Friday morning via social media.

Pre-Sale Tickets - \$4 per person

Gate Tickets - \$5 per person

We will be selling season tickets that will guarantee reserved seats for all home games. We will post more information about that soon!

All persons, even babies and small children, count towards capacity and must have a valid ticket!

Unattended children will **NOT** be allowed in the games.

Junior High / Junior Varsity Football Tickets

We will not be doing pre-sale for Jr. High & JV games. Tickets will only be sold at the gate.

Gate Tickets - \$3 per person

All persons, even babies and small children, count towards capacity and must have a valid ticket!

Unattended children will **NOT** be allowed in the games.

Mustang Stadium Capacity

At 50% capacity, the home side can seat 852.

Keep in mind, we will not have 852 tickets to sell each game, as the reserved seating & staff working the games is deducted from the home side capacity.

Away Games for Varsity Football

The capacity of the visitor's seating at other schools will vary from school to school. Each week, we will announce how many seats we have for sale for that week's away football game.

We will pre-sell these tickets.

Away Games for Junior High and Junior Varsity Football

The capacity of the visitor's seating at other schools will vary from school to school.

We will not be pre-selling tickets for Jr. High & JV away games. Tickets will only be sold at the gate.

Fans on the Field After Games

Fans will not be allowed on the field after games. Please exit the stadium and celebrate with your child at home.

Congregating at Games

Spectators, audience members and fans will not be allowed to congregate in front of the press box, concession stand or at the top of the bleachers.

Children

Children who attend games need to stay seated with their parents. Children will not be allowed to run around or congregate near the press box or concession stand.

Mighty Marching Mustang Band

For home games, both the Mighty Marching Mustang Band and the visiting band will be seated on the hillside on the north end of the stadium.

Spectators, audience members, fans and parents will NOT be allowed to sit with the band.

It may not be possible for the band to travel to away games, due to the capacity of the visiting stadium. We will make every effort to allow our band to participate, but please understand, it may not always be possible.

Cheerleaders & Starz

It may not be possible for the cheerleaders & Starz to travel to away games, due to the capacity of the visiting stadium. We will make every effort to allow our cheerleaders and Starz to participate, but please understand, it may not always be possible.

High School Volleyball Games

We will not be pre-selling tickets for volleyball games. Tickets will only be sold at the gate.

Gate Tickets - \$3 per person

All persons, even babies and small children, count towards capacity and must have a valid ticket!

Unattended children will **NOT** be allowed in the games.

If necessary, we may clear the stands between JV & Varsity games to ensure all our varsity parents have a chance to see their child play.

Junior High School Volleyball Games

To alleviate capacity issues at the Junior High Gym, all home volleyball games will be played in the High School Gym.

We will not be pre-selling tickets for volleyball games. Tickets will only be sold at the gate.

Gate Tickets - \$2 per person

All persons, even babies and small children, count towards capacity and must have a valid ticket!

Unattended children will **NOT** be allowed in the games.

If necessary, we may clear the stands between 8th grade and 7th grade games to allow all parents to see their child play.

Cooperation & Teamwork

Everyone (staff, students, parents & fans) agree we **absolutely** want our students to be able to participate in extracurricular activities!

In order to give our students that experience, we are going to have to follow the guidelines that have been put in place, whether we agree with them or not!

All fans, audience members and spectators need to follow any directives given to them by HSISD staff members. Failure to do so could result in your ejection from the stadium, gym, or venue.

Let us all do our part to give our kids a great 2020-2021 season!

GO COLTS! GO LADY COLTS! GO MUSTANGS! GO LADY MUSTANGS!

All other sports will be addressed later!

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