

2021-2022 ComQuest and A Lone Star Academy Charter Schools Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Beginning on August 1, 2021, ComQuest and A Lone Star Academy will return to normal operations.

Campuses and facilities will be open to the public.

Maintaining Health and Safety:

COVID protocols relating to close contact tracing and quarantining will remain in effect, according to guidelines.

Required Actions if Individuals with Test-Confirmed Cases Have Been in School

1. If an individual who has been in school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, ComQuest must notify the local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at ComQuest is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, ComQuest will submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form.
3. ComQuest will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a classroom or after-school program cohort if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participated in those classrooms or cohorts.

Masks (restatement of pre-August 19th guidance document) Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. Mask use will continue to be optional.

Students will continue to be encouraged to practice proper handwashing.

Hand sanitizer will be available.

Targeted cleaning and sanitation procedures will continue, particularly in high contact areas of the campus.

Any and all students, faculty, or staff should stay home from school or work if they 1) have tested positive for Covid-19; 2) Have a temperature of 100 degrees or higher. Students residing in a home where a confirmed case of Covid-19 exists will be required to quarantine at home for 3 days and be symptom-free to return to school. ComQuest will continue to monitor the most updated TEA, CDC, and local health authority guidelines to make decisions on a students' removal from and return to campus after experiencing multiple Covid-19 symptoms, and or testing positive for Covid-19.

Individuals who have been lab-confirmed with COVID-19, but have not been on-campus (teacher/staff/students/parents/visitor) Teachers, staff, students, parents, and visitors must report to the district if they have been lab-confirmed positive with COVID-19, and, if so, they must: meet one of the three criteria:

1. Self-isolate for 5 days

2. Notify ComQuest of change in diagnosis by a medical professional
3. Two-consecutive negative Covid test results within a 24-hour period

Identifying possible COVID-19 cases on-campus procedures

- During the school day, ComQuest staff will immediately separate from the general school population any student or staff member who demonstrates a measured body temperature of 100 degrees or higher.
- A parent will be notified and must pick up student from school
- Students will be allowed to return to campus when fever-free for 24 hours or as directed by a physician

Responding to a Lab-Confirmed Case Within the School District

- ComQuest will submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health via an online form.
- School officials will send out notification of the confirmed case through the school email.
- The district will take immediate measures to deep clean the entire campus.
- Any student or staff member that have a lab-confirmed diagnosis of Covid-19 may return to school after meeting one of the following criteria:
 1. Self-isolate for 5 days, fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications, and other symptoms improved
 2. Change in diagnosis by a medical professional
 3. Two-consecutive negative Covid test results within a 24-hour period

Ensuring Continuity of Services:

ComQuest and A Lone Star will continue to take appropriate actions to ensure continuity of services to students. These actions will focus on addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. Proposed plans to provide a continuity of services are as follows:

- Continue to provide high quality on-grade level instruction
- Provide instructional materials/resources, activities, and outreach to meet the needs of students.
- Observe and address social and emotional needs of students.
- Provide technology updates and improve infrastructure and connectivity.
- Provide staff development to accelerate learning.
- Provide a robust and effective tutorial program during the school day and after the school

day to address unfinished learning for identified students.

- High level assessments from TEKS Resource System will be created and administered to students in all core subject areas.
- Student Assistance Teams will use intervention-focused elementary & secondary data reports to identify students in need of extended instructional time and to monitor student progress.

At this time, ComQuest and A Lone Star are not planning to offer a virtual instruction option. Families of students with chronic conditions may contact campus leadership for discussion of special considerations.

Plan will be reviewed every six months and updated based on new TEA health guidance.

Current plan has been reviewed and updated August 2022.

For comments or questions regarding this plan, please email FrontDeskCQA@comquestacademy.org