

Dear VISD Parents,

We can't wait to welcome your students back in a couple of weeks and our nurses have been preparing to provide a safe and healthy environment for everyone. If you have a student with a respiratory condition, such as asthma, please see the following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

"Symptoms of asthma and COVID-19 may overlap, including cough and shortness

of breath. Therefore, students experiencing acute asthma attacks should not be attending school without approval by a healthcare provider. During this COVID-19 pandemic, asthma treatments using inhalers with spacers (with or without face mask, according to each student's individualized treatment plan) are preferred over nebulizer treatments whenever possible. Based on limited data, use of asthma inhalers (with or without spacers or face masks) is not considered an aerosol-generating procedure. Due to limited availability of data, it is uncertain whether aerosols generated by nebulizer treatments are potentially infectious."

Because of the limited data regarding possibly infectious particles being dispersed through nebulizer treatments, nebulizer treatments are discouraged in the school setting at this time. If your student does not have a metered dose inhaler and spacer, please reach out to their physician to obtain one to keep in the clinic for use during the school day. If your student is required to have daily breathing treatments administered, please plan to administer these at home before and after school. Venus ISD will only administer nebulizer treatments in an emergency situation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your campus nurse.

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