

Many North Texas school districts have changed or updated their policies to address what will happen if students intentionally try to or act like they are trying to spread COVID-19 to others.

At both Fort Worth ISD and Dallas ISD, students who intentionally cough, sneeze or spit on others will face potential disciplinary action.

Fort Worth ISD released additional details Monday on protocols for the return to school, saying this type of intentional act will be [considered a form of assault](#).

The district is basing its definition from [Texas Penal Code 22.1\(a\)\(3\)](#), which is labeled as "intentionally or knowingly causes physical contact with another when the person knows or should reasonably believe that the other will regard the contact as offensive or provocative."

Once a campus administrator is notified of a student acting this way, all students involved will go to the school nurse for evaluations.

If the alleged behavior is determined to be intentional, the punishment can "begin with the minimum disciplinary action and may progress to the more serious disciplinary consequences established in the [Student Code of Conduct](#)."

Parents of all students involved will be notified.