



CORSICANA ISD

Return to School Framework
Back to School Safety Plan

Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (RIPICS)

2021-2024

District Priorities and Purpose

Corsicana ISD's **RIPICS** Plan (Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan) has been created to meet the requirements of the ARP (American Rescue Plan) ESSER III grant. The plan is designed to be flexible as governing authorities and/or health officials update the district on present situations of the environmental conditions affecting the district's protocols for safety.

Corsicana ISD's Back to School Safety Protocols will be continually evaluated to adapt to the trends in our local area as well as the modifications to the protocols of the Texas Education Agency, UIL, Texas Department of State Health Services, Navarro County Department of Health, and the CDC.

The health and safety of our staff and students remains the District's primary concern as we enter the school year.

This plan was developed with the intent to provide a continuity of services in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Corsicana ISD ensures that the interventions to be implemented will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.

This plan has been developed in collaboration with required stakeholders and is based on guidance from the *CDC* as well as local health officials.

Details in this document are subject to change as directives and guidelines are provided by the Texas Education Agency, the Office of the Governor of Texas, Health Officials, *CDC*, and other authorities.

Meaningful Consultation

Corsicana ISD has and will continue to engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and with the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan for the use of ARP Esser III funds.

Effective Date of Plan: July 2021

Public Comment and Stakeholder: This plan was developed in consultation with stakeholders.

Public Hearing Notice: June 2021

Stakeholder input obtained by:

- School district [website-www.cisd.org](http://www.cisd.org)
- School Board meetings
- Strategic Planning Meetings
- Surveys

Ongoing Review and Publication of Plan

Every six months. Corsicana ISD administration will review the plan in accordance with the latest guidance from the *CDC* and state and local governments. If revisions are needed to the plan, public input will be solicited and stakeholders will be meaningfully consulted. The revised version of the plan will then be posted on the website.

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	Stakeholder Input	Plan Reviewed
July 2021	Completed	Initial plan developed
January 2022	Plan reviewed	No revisions needed
July 2022	Plan reviewed	No revisions needed
January 2023	Plan reviewed	No revisions needed
July 2023	Plan revised	Plan Updated

Student and Staff Safety Protocols

General Safety and Health Procedures

- Students and staff should wash hands and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day as well as during specified times.
- Masks are optional for students and staff. The District will supply a limited number to each campus.

Social and Emotional Support

CISD will address the mental and social-emotional health of students and staff by support in the following areas:

- Beginning of the school year lessons and engagement with teachers.
- Emotional support of school counselors, to include three CISD mental health counselors.
- Information for families on how to access resources for mental health and wellness.
- At-home learning support provided to parents through consistent, scheduled communication with teachers.
- Continuation of the mental health hotline.

Student or Staff Display Symptoms of Illness, Including COVID-19

- Should a student display symptoms, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if a student needs to be sent home.
- Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than one hour from the time the school contacts the parent/guardian.
- Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow district protocols, including isolation from students and other staff members.

CISD will follow District and State policies and procedures for applying sick leave and FMLA requirements should a staff member become ill.

Quarantine: Staff or Student who Test Positive or are Determined to be a Close Contact

- Close Contact will be defined according to CDC guidelines. Vaccinated persons do not need to quarantine.

Disinfecting and Hand Sanitizing

- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to each campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria, and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Staff and students will be expected to regularly wash and/or sanitize their hands.
- Requirement for hand washing and/or use of District-provided hand sanitizer:
 - o Periodically during the day teachers will remind students to use hand sanitizer.
 - o Thoroughly wash hands when returning from outside/outside the classroom, before eating, and after restroom breaks.
 - o Staff will have access to disinfecting wipes to regularly sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects.

Campus Cleaning and Disinfecting

General Procedures

Cleaning and disinfecting will occur nightly in every classroom, commons areas and on high-touch surfaces.

- The District will ensure ventilation systems are working properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, if this does not pose a safety threat to students or staff.
- Campuses will be deep cleaned during the summer months, prior to schools opening. Additional deep cleaning is done during holidays as a general procedure. This is intensified as described below if a case is identified on a campus.
- Classrooms and restrooms will be disinfected daily.
- High/frequent touch areas will be disinfected daily.
- Cleaning cloths will be changed for each classroom and commons area to maximize room-to-room cleaning.
- Cafeterias will be disinfected between lunch periods.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize working surfaces and shared objects after each use and during breaks in instruction.

General Classroom Supplies

- Age-appropriate signage will be posted throughout campuses regarding protocols and prevention.
- Multiple locations of hand sanitizer, tissues, and trash cans will be available.

Specialized Classrooms

- Specialized equipment will be sanitized between each use. There will be adequate supplies to minimize the sharing of high touch materials or limit use of supplies of equipment to one group of students at a time.
- Career and Technical Education classes, including those at the CTE Center, will follow industry-based safety guidelines as appropriate to the equipment and course content.
- Special education classrooms and service locations may have additional protective barriers in place to support a safe environment for our students

Restrooms

- Students must wash hands and then use hand sanitizer throughout the school day.
- Disinfecting will occur throughout the school day.
- Each campus will comply with health agency recommendations and physical distancing.

Lunches

CISD will provide breakfast and lunch for all students, on campus. All CISD students may have free breakfast and lunch daily.

- Hand sanitizer will be available at entrances and exits of the cafeteria.

Transportation

- Buses will be cleaned daily and between routes.
- Windows will be lowered as often as possible.
- Students will have assigned seats on the bus.