

# **COVID-19 Safety Plan School Year 2021-2022**

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 2021-2022 school year.

# **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 strongly encouraged for students and staff. The District will supply a limited number to each campus.
- As a temporary safety measure, visitors will not be permitted on campuses.
- Students who have COVID-19 and are symptomatic must quarantine for at least ten days since the symptom onset and other symptoms have improved. They must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications.
- Students who test positive and are asymptomatic must stay home for 10 days after the day they were tested. Physicians' recommendations will be followed by the District.
- All parents will be notified if a student on a campus tests positive.
- Parents will be notified (with a different notification from the campus principal) if a student in your child's class tests positive. Parents must ensure that email addresses and contact information are up-to-date.
- Absences for documented positives will be excused.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met.
- Students who are in contact with a positive person in their home may return to school after Day 10 of the close contact exposure, if no COVID-19 testing is performed.
- Students can end the stay-at-home quarantine if they receive a negative result from a PCR acute infection test after the close contact exposure ends. The PCR test cannot be taken prior to five days after exposure. Students must wait two days after the PCR test results to return to campus (Day 7).
- Individuals who are vaccinated are not considered close contact.

# **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.
- The student will wear a mask until the parent arrives.
- 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.
- District communication will be provided to the parents of students who came in contact with a COVID-19 positive student or staff member.
- 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.

Ouarantine: 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.
- Non-vaccinated persons will be required to quarantine for 10 days after exposure.

# **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.
  - Thoroughly wash hands when returning from outside/outside the classroom, before eating, and after restroom breaks.
  - 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 or remote. All CISD students may have free breakfast and lunch daily.

- Hand sanitizer will be available at entrances and exits of the cafeteria.
- Students will be distanced during lunches. Depending in the size of the campus cafeteria, some elementary classes will have lunch in their classrooms.
- Table dividers will be provided in the elementary cafeterias.

# **Transportation**

- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the bus entry, and students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer upon entering the bus.
- Buses will be cleaned daily and between routes.
- Windows will be lowered as often as possible.
- Students will have assigned seats on the bus.