



## Hooks ISD

### Safe Return to In-Person and Continuity of Services Plan

The purpose of the Safe Return to In-Person and Continuity of Services Plan is to provide information on the steps Hooks ISD is taking to maintain the health and safety of students, educators and other school staff. It is of the upmost priority to ensure a safe environment to all those who enter our campuses and facilities. In accordance with ESSER III requirements, this plan will be posted on our website at <http://www.hooksisd.net/page/accountability> within 30 days of receipt of notification of available funds.

This plan will be revised no less than every 6 months and is designed to address current guidelines of the Texas Education Agency, the CDC, and local health authorities. Input was provided by stakeholders through surveys and the District Improvement Committee.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about the guidelines outlined in this plan, please contact:

Tracy Cook, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction at (903) 547-6077, ext. 1021 or [cookt@hooksisd.net](mailto:cookt@hooksisd.net).

#### Traducción o formato alternativo

- Hooks ISD proporciona este plan en un formato comprensible y uniforme.
- Este plan se puede traducir oralmente comunicándose con la Sra. Jennifer DeAnda o la Sra. Helenna Sipes al (903) 547-2291.
- Las personas con una discapacidad que necesiten acceder a este plan en un formato alternativo pueden comunicarse con Tracy Cook al (903) 547-6077.

#### Masks

- Per GA-36, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask; however, all individuals can wear a mask if they choose to do so.

#### Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Cases

##### STAFF

- Teachers and staff must report to the district if they are lab-confirmed with COVID-19.
- This must be reported to: Lisa Tullis, Human Resources Coordinator at (903) 547-6077, ext. 1022 or [tullisl@hooksisd.net](mailto:tullisl@hooksisd.net).
- The district will have some Personal Protective Equipment available for staff such as disposable masks. Staff are permitted to provide their own PPE if preferred.

- The district will have quick tests available for staff who have been in close contact with a COVID-19 individual. Contact Lisa Tullis for testing options.

### **STUDENTS**

- School systems must exclude students from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19 or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met.
- The readmission criteria for COVID-19 is as follows:
  - If symptomatic, exclude until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free\*, and other symptoms have improved. Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 10 days after the day they were tested.
  - \*Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.
- This must be reported to: Nurse Lisa Godfrey at (903) 547-2215, ext. 2029.
- Nurse Godfrey will:
  - Confirm positive results with parent and obtain documentation of positive test.
  - Notify Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and campus Principal immediately.
  - Notify the local health department.
  - Inform staff, students and parents of testing and vaccination opportunities as needed.
- Campus Principal will:
  - Notify cleaning staff of sanitization needs.
  - Provide appropriate accommodations to students in accordance with IDEA and IEP.

### **Close Contacts**

- School systems are not required to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing.
- Local public health entities have authority to investigate cases. Participation by individuals in these investigations remains voluntary. If school systems are made aware that a student is a close contact, the school system must notify the student's parents.
- Parents of students who are determined to be close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 may opt to keep their students at home during the recommended stay-at-home period.
- The stay-at-home period can end for students experiencing no symptoms on Day 10 after close contact exposure, if no subsequent COVID-19 testing is performed.
- Alternately, students can end the stay-at-home period if they receive a negative result from a PCR acute infection test after the close contact exposure ends.
- Contact Nurse Godfrey for information about testing options.

### **Health & Hygiene Practices**

- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
- Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors will be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
- Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors will be encouraged to use good hygiene practices such as using a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes and using hand sanitizer.
- Campus janitorial staff will clean and disinfect daily including high contact surfaces such as exterior door handles and handrails.
- Students will clean their own spaces as needed to maintain a clean workspace.
- Whenever possible, windows will be opened to improve air flow.
- Where feasible without disrupting the educational experience, students will practice social distancing.
- Water bottle refill stations will be available at each campus. Students are permitted to provide their own clear bottle if they choose.

### **Reporting**

- If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its 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).
- Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form. The report must be submitted each Monday for the prior seven days (Monday-Sunday).
- Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a classroom or extracurricular 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.

### **Continuity of Services**

- Hooks ISD will continue to provide a continuity of services to students and staff. This includes but is not limited to the following:
- Providing in-person instruction to all students.
- Respond to loss of academic progress through research-based intervention.
- Campus counselors will continue to be available to students and staff to address social, emotional and health needs. Referrals to outside resources will be provided as needed.
- Healthy meals will continue to be provided to all students for this upcoming school year at no charge.
- Changes to instructional settings will be made through the ARD committee as needed to address academic and health needs based on an individual student basis.

- Inform staff, students and parents of testing and vaccination opportunities as needed.

### **Stakeholder Input**

- Stakeholder input was sought in the following ways:
  - ESSER III Grant Stakeholder Survey: June 1-July 17, 2021 – Survey asking for input on use of ESSER III funds. Input was provided by parents, students, staff and community members. Survey was shared on district website, social media and email.
  - District Improvement Meeting: June 23, 2021 – Survey results were shared and input from committee was provided.
  - Return to In-Person and Continuity of Services Plan Survey: July 22-August 1, 2021 –Survey asked for feedback on RIPCIS. Input was provided by parents, students, staff and community members. Survey was shared on school website, social media and email.

### **Review and Revision of Plan**

- This plan will be revised no less than every 6 months. It will be revised more frequently if the district experiences a COVID-19 spike at any campus or if local or state guidelines change.
- Plan review and revision schedule is as follows: January 2022, July 2022 and January 2023.
- Public input will be solicited at the time of each review and will address any current CDC, TEA or local guidance.

### **Translation or Alternative Format**

- Hooks ISD provides this plan in an understandable and uniform format.
- This plan can be orally translated by contacting Ms. Jennifer DeAnda or Ms. Helenna Sipes at (903) 547-2291.
- Individuals with a disability needing to access this plan in an alternative format can contact Tracy Cook at (903) 547-6077.