

Center Independent School District COVID-19 Plan 2022-2023

Center ISD is providing the following Notice of Mitigation of COVID-19 as per the State of Texas and TEA Public Health Guidance for parents/guardians and the general public. This guidance addresses the following: all on campus instruction; administrative activities by teachers, staff, or students that occur on school campuses; all non-UIL extracurricular sports and activities; and visits by parents/guardians and the general public, including all after-school providers and other programs that operate in conjunction with CISD.

NOTICE

The COVID-19 Mitigation Plan will be posted in written form on CISD website/app/social media.

CISD provides to parents/guardians and the general public the following notice of public responsibilities education enrollment and attendance rights and responsibilities.

CISD will follow the most current public health guidelines posted by TEA, which were last updated August 1, 2022.

1.0 Attendance and Enrollment

- 1.1 Per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in force during the 2020-2021 school year.
- 1.2 School systems must provide on-campus attendance as an option for students otherwise entitled to attend school who follow this document required public health procedures and whose parents wish them to attend on campus, subject to school closure and the exceptions listed in this document. In high school, school systems may offer a less than daily on campus instructional experience if there is a need to reduce the total count of people on campus at any one time to maintain social distancing.
- 1.3 In order to facilitate a safe, effective back-to-school transition process, during a period up to the first four weeks of school, which can be extended by an additional four weeks by vote of the school board, school systems may temporarily limit access to on-campus instruction. As a result, some parents opting for their student(s) to attend on campus may be required to start with remote instruction temporarily, although any family who does not have Internet access and/or devices for distance learning at home is still entitled to have their student receive on campus instruction each day during this transition period, as they are during the rest of the year. School systems must clearly describe this transition process in their posted summary of their plans to operate campuses safely, as required above.
- 1.4 School systems are required to provide parents a notice of their public education enrollment and attendance rights and responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 1.5 CISD returned to in-person instruction for the 2020-2021 school year on October 26, 2021.

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2.0 Prevent Screening

- 2.1 All CISD employees will self-screen daily and will report any COVID symptoms (listed on the last page of this plan) to campus nurse and follow direction.
- 2.2 Parents/guardians will need to ensure pre-screening of students daily.

3.0 Illness

- 3.1 All CISD employees will report having a positive COVID-19 test. It is recommended CISD employees with symptoms of COVID-19 or any respiratory illness remain off campus until a negative COVID-19 test is received.
- 3.2 It is recommended students with COVID-19, or symptoms of COVID-19 or any respiratory illness, remain at home until receipt of a negative COVID-19 test.

4.0 Return

- 4.1 Students, faculty, staff, and all other District employees, to return to the District following illness and/or isolation. Students, faculty, staff and all other District employees, must be given a return date by the District nurse and obtain a clearance form if instructed to do so.

4.2 Staff COVID Positive

According to updated CDC guidance, staff members may return five (5) full days after symptoms onset *provided symptoms have improved and individual is fever free x 24 hours without the use of ibuprofen or Tylenol. For staff who are asymptomatic but have tested positive for COVID, they may return to work after five (5) full days from test date to test date - given that they meet the same criteria above. If at day five (5) the criteria is not met, staff should wait and return when criteria is met.

4.3 Students COVID-19 Positive

DSHS COVID-19 school readmission criteria states students that are test confirmed positive must remain off campus five (5) full days from symptom onset. Students who are asymptomatic but have tested positive must remain off campus five (5) full days from test date. Students with symptoms that have not tested for COVID may return with a note from a licensed health care provider in the State of Texas with an alternative diagnosis.

- 4.4 If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to campus before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either

- 4.4.1 obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or

- 4.4.2 obtain an acute infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19.

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5.0 Health and Hygiene Practices

- 5.1 All building entrances will have hand sanitizer dispensers and use will be encouraged upon entering.
- 5.2 All transportation will have hand sanitizer and use will be encouraged upon boarding.
- 5.3 All students will be provided instruction on good handwashing techniques, covering of coughs and sneezes, and disposal of contaminated items.
- 5.4 Frequent hygiene opportunities will be provided.

6.0 Visitor/Visits

- 6.1 No unscheduled/unplanned District visits, except for emergencies
- 6.2 No outside food or drink delivered during school hours

7.0 Respond

- 7.1 All suspected and confirmed cases on campus will immediately be separated from the general population into the nurses office and the individual with symptoms will be given a mask to wear.
 - 7.1.1 The local Health Department will be notified in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations
 - 7.1.2 All individuals, all staff or parents who report close contact exposure, suspected, or confirmed cases will be directed to follow DSHS response.
- 7.2 Written correspondence will be:
 - 7.2.1 Sent home with cohorts on the campus when applicable.
 - 7.2.2 Posted on our District website, social media and provide to local media for distribution
- 7.3 A student who is feeling feverish will be sent to the nurse for an immediate temperature check

8.0 Mitigate

- 8.1 Cleaning and Sanitization
 - 8.1.1 CISD cleaning procedures for transportation
 - 8.1.1.1 Hand sanitizer on each bus/vehicle and use will be encouraged upon boarding
 - 8.1.1.2 Increased cleaning of heating/air conditioning filters
 - 8.1.1.3 Face coverings will be optional for grades three (3) and up.

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8.2 On campuses, the District will institute more frequent cleaning practices such as

- 8.2.1 Items that are touched in common areas, such as door handles, will be cleaned between classchanges
- 8.2.2 Night spraying of all buildings with germicide

9.0 Face Covering/Protection

The Board of Trustees voted to make the wearing of face coverings optional for both students and employees, effective Friday, March 19, 2021. Center ISD will continue to encourage social distancing, as well as proper hand washing and sanitizing practices

10.0 Arrival/Dismissal/Assemblies

10.1 Parents and guardians are encouraged to drop-off/pick-up their student(s) when at all possible to increase social distance opportunities.

10.2 New exit/entrance, including drop-off/pick-up, procedures will be implemented in all buildings that include

10.2.1 Separate car and bus drop-off locations

11.0 Groupings and Use of Non-Classroom Spaces

No hallway lockers will not be utilized during this time.

12.0 Definitions

For the purposes of this Plan, the District will use the following information/definitions from TEA and the CDC.

12.1 COVID 19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID 19, consider the following question: Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a measured than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath – New onset
- Fatigue - New onset
- Headache - Severe
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose – Beyond baseline
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering - New onset
- Significant muscle pain or ache - New onset
- Diarrhea - New onset
- Nausea or vomiting - New onset

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13.0 Close Contact

Close contact through proximity and duration of exposure: Someone who was less than six (6) feet away from an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, *three (3) individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes*). An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting two (2) days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic people, two (2) days before the positive specimen collection date).