

COVID-19 Guidelines

Spring Semester

2022-2023 School Year



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 2022 – 2023 School Year

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Longview ISD will follow all state and federal requirements, rely on local health experts for guidance in decision-making, and adopt reasonable practices while maintaining an effective learning environment. **Everything is subject to change based on daily guidance from Governor Abbott, Texas Education Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mayor Mack, UIL, Gregg County Health Department.**

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Mitigation of Communicable Disease

Screening for Communicable Diseases, including COVID-19

- ❖ All stakeholders should **self-screen** for communicable disease symptoms, including COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day. Stakeholders should not be on campus if they have symptoms of a communicable disease, including COVID-19.
- ❖ Stakeholders should not be on campus if they, or an immediate family member, is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 or if you have been exposed to any one that is confirmed.
- ❖ Campus staff members will monitor students and refer them to the nurse if symptoms are present.
- ❖ Campus nurse can COVID test if student has symptoms. Parent or guardian must be present and sign release form. Arrangements must be made with School Nurse.

Vaccinations

- ❖ Getting vaccinated prevents severe illness, hospitalizations, and death.
- ❖ Vaccines can also be obtained by your personal physician, drug stores and Walmart stores. You can also locate additional site by googling vaccines.gov. You can enter your zip code and find the vaccine sites near you.
- ❖ *Longview ISD will provide numerous vaccine opportunities during the school year. Please stay tuned to the district website for future vaccine clinics sponsored by Longview ISD.* This is subject to change as CDC requirements and regulations of the COVID vaccines are distributed to our local pharmacies and physicians' offices.

STUDENT SCREENING AND PROTOCOLS

- ❖ To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our employees and students, LISD will request parents to complete daily student-screening of their children which includes a temperature reading and answering a set of questions related to COVID-19 symptoms including:

SYMPTOMS

- ❖ Cough
- ❖ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

- ❖ Chills
- ❖ Repeated shaking with chills
- ❖ Muscle pain
- ❖ Headache
- ❖ Sore throat
- ❖ Loss of taste or smell
- ❖ Diarrhea
- ❖ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed above), or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.

STUDENT HEALTH PROTOCOL

- ❖ Due to the ever changing healthcare crisis, LISD protocol is subject to change as needed. LISD reserves the right to have the final decision in determining whether or not to quarantine students or staff members for the safety of all LISD stakeholders.
- ❖ LISD will immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- ❖ If a student becomes ill at school or COVID-19 symptomatic, parents/guardians will be contacted to pick their student up from school, immediately. The parent will be asked to take their student home or to the nearest health center, depending on the severity of symptoms.

STUDENTS CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED WITH COVID-19

Any student who either: (A) is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (B) Experiences the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed above) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

1. In the case of a student who was diagnosed with COVID-19, or exhibiting symptoms, the student may return to school when all of the following criteria are met:

- A. symptom and fever free without medication for 24 hrs.
- B. At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- C. may return on day 6
- D. LISD recommends face coverings to be worn days 6-10

2. If the student has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the student must either:

(A) Obtain a medical professional's note clearing the student for return to school based on an alternative diagnosis or

(B) The specific diagnosis will not be required, the medical note must simply state the individual has been cleared to return to campus.

STUDENT PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE): Face Coverings

LISD respects the rights of all students to wear a face covering if they choose to in order to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19. However, LISD will not require any students to wear face coverings while on LISD facilities or attending LISD sponsored events.

EMPLOYEE SCREENING AND PROTOCOLS

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our employees and students, we will be requesting employees to complete daily self-screening and answering a set of questions related to COVID-19 symptoms including:

- ❖ Cough
- ❖ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ❖ Chills
- ❖ Repeated shaking with chills
- ❖ Muscle pain
- ❖ Headache
- ❖ Sore throat
- ❖ Loss of taste or smell
- ❖ Diarrhea
- ❖ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit

Only employees that answer yes to the Covid-19 self-screener questions will be required to submit to their supervisor.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH PROTOCOL

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- ❖ Teachers and staff will be requested to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to work each day.
- ❖ Employees must notify their supervisor if they have symptoms or are lab confirmed.
- ❖ Re-entry criteria must be met to return to campus

EMPLOYEE RETURN TO WORK PROCEDURES

Any employee who either:

(A) is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or

(B) Experiences the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed above) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

1. In the case of an employee who was diagnosed with COVID-19, or exhibiting symptoms, the individual may return to school when all of the following criteria are met:

(A). symptom and fever free without medication for 24 hrs.

(B). At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

(C). may return on day 6

(D). LISD recommends face coverings to be worn days 6-10

2. If the employee has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the employee must either

(A) Obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return to work based on an alternative diagnosis or

(B) The specific diagnosis will not be required, the medical note must simply state the individual has been cleared to return to campus.

EMPLOYEE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

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COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR SUSPECTED CASES ON CAMPUS

If an employee or student becomes ill on campus/district, he/she will immediately report to the nurse's isolation room.

- ❖ The nurse will direct the ill employee to leave work or call the parent of the student to be picked up and go home.
- ❖ The isolation area and suspected employee's or student's work area/classroom must be thoroughly cleaned.

Any employee who has questions concerning protocol, leave, benefits etc. should contact Kristie Womack @ 903-381-2374. Any student who has questions concerning protocol, number of days to quarantine, testing etc. should contact your school nurse or Mrs. Kimberlie Dans @ 903-663-7191. The above information was taken off the CDC website. This is subject to change and will be altered as needed throughout the upcoming year.

Hand Washing

- ❖ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- ❖ It is especially important to wash: before eating or preparing food, touching your face, using the restroom, leaving a public place, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, after handling your mask, caring for someone who is sick and after touching animals and pets.

Disinfecting and Respiratory Etiquette


- ❖ Each classroom and restroom will be cleaned and disinfected.
- ❖ All high-touched areas will be disinfected throughout the day.
- ❖ Cafeterias will be disinfected between lunch periods.
- ❖ Students and staff will have access to disinfecting items to sanitize working surfaces, shared objects, and high-touch areas after use and during breaks in instruction.
- ❖ Students and staff should cover coughs and sneezes. If you are wearing a mask and you sneeze into your mask, put on a clean mask as soon as possible and wash your hands as soon as possible.
- ❖ If you are not wearing a mask, always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or use inside of your elbow and do not spit. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.


Transportation




- ❖ Longview ISD will implement the following safety protocols for students that are transported on any district school bus while Covid-19 procedures are in place.
- ❖ LISD will provide hand sanitizer when entering the bus and during the route. The bus driver, or bus monitor will apply the sanitizer directly into the hands of students entering the bus to prevent excessive use and accidental dropping of hand sanitizer, which will prevent students from slipping and falling.
- ❖ Transportation personnel will disinfect all interior surfaces between routes, utilizing the methods recommended by the district.
- ❖ LISD will use the A/C systems with windows partially open to circulate fresh air. This is in accordance with TEA and CDC recommendations.
- ❖ LISD students will have assigned seating on every bus. Students within the same family unit will be seated together to help with social distancing.
- ❖ Bus stops would be modified as needed to improve social distancing.

School Visitors

- ❖ In an effort to keep students and staff as safe as possible, we recommend that parents conduct as much business as possible via telephone, email or zoom.

CDC Area to Address	District Protocols
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Continuity of Services</p> </div>	<p>To ensure the continuity of educational services, students with a lab confirmed positive diagnosis of COVID-19 or a confirmed exposure will receive instruction through different modalities.</p> <p><u>Teachers may use:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Google classroom, ● Educational software, and ● Other resources for students. <p>Remote learning resources can be located at each campus by contacting the front office staff.</p> <p>The campus principal and teachers will communicate that information as needed. The school will provide technology, as needed, for the student to complete schoolwork.</p> <p>The LISD Virtual Academy was designed in accordance with SB15 for students who have succeeded in a face to face academic learning environment and wish to learn in a completely virtual learning environment.</p> <p>Students who are being served in the Virtual Academy will have to adhere to COVID guidelines if they return in person to the district for any reason, i.e., extra-curricular activities, to visit with counselors, to take electives that may not be offered virtually, to meet with the virtual instructor, graduation exercises or rehearsal, etc.</p> <p><u>Students with Special Needs</u></p> <p>Students with special needs (students with disabilities, ELs, etc.) will continue to have access to their specialized services if they are receiving remote instruction. If the student's IEP indicates services, accommodations, and/or modifications that cannot</p>

	<p>be provided remotely, the student's 504 and/or ARD Committees will convene to determine the most appropriate accommodations/modifications and method of service delivery that the district can provide to best meet the student's needs.</p> <p>The LPAC Committee will determine services that can be provided for EL students who are receiving remote instruction.</p>
 <p>Students' Academic Needs</p>	<p><u>Extended and Targeted Instructional Time / Rigorous Instructional Materials</u></p> <p>Students' academic needs and learning loss caused by COVID-19 will be designed and delivered using evidence-based interventions. Accelerated learning will be provided through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● targeted interventions within the school day, before school, and after school ● increased learning time through summer school ● increased learning time through extended day learning, such as after-school tutorials ● quality reading materials and instructional supplies ● tutoring ● Access to personalized learning through instructional and intervention software. <p>After School Program- Delivering High Impact Tutoring that meets requirements of HB4545, is aligned with individual student needs, and provides high quality curriculum and instruction; a safe and healthy environment after the school day for all students (PK-12); and 3 hours, 4 days a week (Academics and Enrichment)</p> <p>Instructional delivery will be tied to core instruction that is focused on high quality instructional materials in reading and math.</p>
<p>CDC Area to Address</p>	<p>District Protocols</p>
	<p><u>Supported Staff</u></p> <p>Longview ISD provides support for staff in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides professional development to support new modes of instructional delivery. ● Provide Mental Health Awareness training. ● Provides access to counselors. ● Provides monthly tips for coping with stress during the pandemic.

 <p>Students' and Staff Social, Emotional, Mental Health (and other) Needs</p>	<p><u>Supported Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social-Emotional Learning activities are embedded into instructional strategies to provide an inclusive learning environment for all students. • Counselors are available for all students if they need additional support and counseling. • Counselors coordinate available resources within the school system and from community agencies to provide referral information to families and students.
 <p>Student Health Needs</p>	<p>Nurses are available on each campus to assist with student health needs. Information and resources are provided to parents and families in coordination with the Gregg County health department.</p> <p><u>Protocol for COVID-19 Symptomatic Individuals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home and seek medical advice from a physician • Students with symptoms will be sent to the nurse. The nurse will determine if the child should be sent home. The student will stay in isolation until picked up ASAP • Submit a medical professional's note for return clearance • (isolation/quarantine) as instructed by CDC guidance • District will report confirmed cases to the local health department
 <p>Food Service</p>	<p>The district follows the USDA guidelines for providing free and reduced-price meals for students.</p>

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