

### **2021-22 Instructional Delivery Mode**

For the 2021-22 school year, Westphalia ISD will provide On-Campus Learning (Traditional Face-to-Face Classroom Experience with Safety Protocols) exclusively. Remote Instruction will not be utilized unless mandated by TEA.

### **Virus Mitigation Tactics**

#### Health and Hygiene Practice – Face Coverings

- Westphalia ISD will not require face coverings unless directed by state leadership or the TEA.
- If 10 or more of the school's population tests positive for COVID-19 within a seven-day period, then all employees, students, and visitors on campus **may** be required to wear a face covering for seven calendar days or until the population of Positive Covid-19 cases dip below 10 students and staff, whichever is longer.
- Face mask **may** be required for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff.
- Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade **may** go back to social distancing in the classroom (dividers on the desks).

#### Health and Hygiene Practices – General

- Westphalia ISD will continue to encourage regular hygiene practices, such as thorough handwashing, the use of hand sanitizer, and properly covering coughs and sneezes, as these practices are beneficial in the fight against all germs.
- If 10 or more of the school's population tests positive for COVID-19 within a seven-day period, Westphalia ISD **may** close down (in order to deep clean the school district) at the minimum of 2 school days and a maximum of 5 school days.

### **COVID-19 Screening**

- Staff and Students are asked to self-screen each day prior to coming to campus
- **IF fever exists, DO NOT MEDICATE AND SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL**

### **COVID-19 Symptoms – Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?**

- Feeling Feverish or a measured temperature of 100.0 or higher
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty Breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering

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- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose

- Any individual who possesses COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, must remain off campus until he/she meets the current CDC and/or TEA criteria for re-entry.

- Anyone who has had sustained close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 must report this information to the school and follow current CDC and/or TEA Public Health Guidelines regarding quarantines.

### **Visitor Procedures:**

- All visitors will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms listed above and asked if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.

- Any visitor possessing a COVID-19 symptom must remain off-campus until he meets the criteria for reentry listed at the conclusion of this section.

- Any visitor who has had close contact must remain off campus until the 10-day incubation period has passed.

- If 10 or more of the school's population tests positive for COVID-19 within a seven-day period, visitors **may** be limited to Westphalia ISD for a minimum of seven calendar days.

### **Employees, Students, or Visitors Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19– Exclusion and Re-Entry**

- Any individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 or who experiences COVID-19 symptoms must stay home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

o in the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:

1. at least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
2. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
3. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

o in the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 but is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have

COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

o If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis, or (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.

WISD will require household-based close contact for unvaccinated students and staff (within the home) to stay at home during the below stay-at-home period (10 days) if they are in an area with high or rising COVID case rates. This applies specifically to students and staff who are close contacts because an individual who lives in the same household is COVID-19 positive.

If students are determined to have been in close contact with others in the school, then the decision will be left up to the parent, in regards to keeping their child at home.

If a vaccinated student or staff member are within close contact of a family member they are living with in their household, then they will be subject to Covid-19 testing every other day. A vaccinated student and staff member may return to school if they do not have symptoms associated with Covid-19.

### **Virus Response Protocols**

Upon identifying a possible COVID-19 case on campus, Westphalia ISD will:

- Immediately separate the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the individual can leave campus.

- Clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms as soon as possible.

Upon learning that a lab-confirmed case has been in a school, Westphalia ISD will:

- Notify the Falls County 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).

- Notify parents of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on campus activities.

Westphalia ISD may modify these guidelines based on current health trends and/or orders from state officials and governing bodies.

- Westphalia ISD will incorporate a Covid-19 Dashboard to show the number of positive students and staff. Please visit our website at [www.westphaliaisd.org](http://www.westphaliaisd.org) and search quick links on the bottom right of our home page. Click on Covid-19 Dashboard to view the latest confirmations.