



## ***Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan 2021-2022***

### **Introduction and Focus**

The school district's focus is to ensure all students, staff and community members remain healthy and safe by following best practices in the areas of:

- Guidance and directives from health authorities, including the reporting of positive cases of COVID-19 to local and state health authorities.
- Promoting healthy habits: frequent hand washing/sanitizing, personal spacing, enhanced disinfection protocols.
- Healthcare Professionals: careful monitoring of students and staff.
- Effective communication with parents, staff and students.

### **Contact Information**

Families are asked to contact the campus nurse with all health questions, concerns and/or reports related to COVID-19. Parents can also contact Penny Braeuer, RN, District Nurse for Troy ISD at 254-938-2561. It is important for parents to maintain a valid email address in Parent Portal and to monitor their email for school communications.

*These recommendations may be temporarily or indefinitely modified per directives/orders given by state and local officials. As changes are received, updates will be made accordingly.*

### **Health Screenings**

- The Troy ISD Health Screening Tool will be posted at the main entrances of all Troy ISD facilities.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to conduct a daily health screening for COVID-19 symptoms of their children before sending them to school. Parents must keep their child at home if they are ill or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.
- Staff members are encouraged to complete a self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day.

### **General Plan for All District Facilities**

- Face coverings will be optional for students, staff, or visitors.
- Face coverings will be optional for students riding school transportation.
- Personal spacing encouraged whenever possible.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located at the entrances of each building. Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom.
- Water fountains will only be allowed for filling of water containers. Students are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles for use throughout the day.
- Classrooms will be disinfected each school day.

### **COVID-19 Cases**

- Students or staff members who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who are test-confirmed positive for COVID-19 must remain off-campus for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and be fever free\*, or if asymptomatic, from the date of the positive test, unless cleared to return to school by a physician. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms until the conditions for re-entry are met.
- Troy ISD will no longer quarantine staff or students due to exposure to a person with COVID-19. The district will notify by email all teachers, staff, and families of all students on a campus if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers, or staff at that campus. Additionally, the district will notify parents via email if their child is determined to have been in close contact with a person with a test-confirmed case of COVID-19. Parents may choose to keep their child at home during the quarantine period but will not be required to do so unless symptoms develop or the student tests positive for COVID-19.
- Per UIL rule: A student who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must receive clearance from a physician prior to returning to participation in UIL marching band or athletic events.
- In order to continue working on campus, staff who meet the close contact threshold with a COVID-19 positive individual must participate in rapid testing at the start of the school day, periodically for 10 days post-exposure.
- Troy ISD will post weekly updates on the district website regarding any positive cases of COVID-19 on each campus.

\*Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit or higher.

## **Instruction**

- All instruction will be delivered in-person and on campus. No remote instruction will be offered.
- A sick child who misses school for any illness will be counted absent, as is customary. Appropriate documentation (parent note, positive test result, and/or doctor's note) provided upon returning to school will allow absences to be counted as excused. Students whose parents choose to quarantine their child due to close contact exposure to COVID-19 will have absences excused up to 10 days. Teachers will provide an opportunity to complete missed assignments. Refer to your campus Student Handbook.
- Field trips may resume during the 2021-2022 school year.

## **Student Nutrition/Cafeteria**

- Mealtime guests will not be allowed until further notice.
- Meals dropped off at campus offices for students will be allowed.

## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

- Face coverings will be optional for participants and spectators.
- Social distancing will be encouraged.
- Venues will be seated at 100% capacity.

## **CDC Recommendations**

The CDC has issued recommendations for all school districts as they prepare to return to in-person learning this fall. Those recommendations are optional for all Troy ISD staff, students and visitors. A list of those recommendations may be found at:

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/operation-strategy.html#anchor\\_1616080023247](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/operation-strategy.html#anchor_1616080023247)

For individuals who are determined to be close contacts, a 14-day stay-at-home period was previously advised by the CDC based on the incubation period of the virus. CDC has since updated their guidance, and 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.

## **Important Information About This Plan**

Troy ISD's Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity Plan, along with the ESSER III Use of Funds Plan, were together developed with key stakeholder engagement including meaningful input from district and campus administration, parents, community members, and students—including those representing the interests of children with disabilities, ELs, those experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migrant students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students. Those needing translation services should contact 254-938-2595.