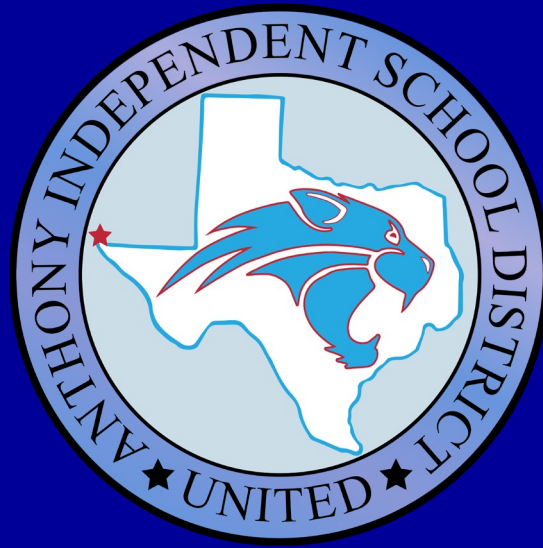


ANTHONY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

2021-2022



Changes to local public health over the course of the 2021-2022 school year may necessitate changes to this plan.

INTRODUCTION

This Health Services plan has been created to help in navigating the return to school where employees, students, and families feel safe and to reduce the impact of COVID-19 conditions upon returning to the district. The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance based on information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Texas Education Agency (TEA), and applicable federal, state, and local agencies.

PRACTICES

To mitigate the possible spread of COVID-19 at Anthony ISD, Health Services with the assistance of campus personnel, will:

1. Provide notice/information to parents.
2. Implement practices to prevent the virus from entering the school.
3. Respond to a lab-confirmed case or suspected COVID-19 in the school district.
4. Implement prevention and mitigation practices to reduce the likelihood that an outbreak occurs on campuses.

COMMUNICATION METHODS

To stay updated on the most up-to-date information:

1. Parents need to check their email often.
2. Phone calls (Please make sure we have your current phone number)
3. Visit our district website.
4. Follow our social media platforms.
5. Seesaw PK-2; Schoology Grades 2-12
6. Virtual Meetings will be available as needed.

EMPLOYEE SCREENING PROTOCOL

Teachers and staff who have not been fully immunized must report if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry. Additionally, teachers and staff who have not been fully immunized must report if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, must remain off campus until the 10-day quarantine period has passed.

If an employee has been fully immunized, they will not have to quarantine if they have been exposed to someone who is positive for COVID-19 but must report if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19.

STUDENT SCREENING PROTOCOL

Parents must ensure they do not send their child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms, has been tested for COVID-19, is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 or has had a high-risk exposure

to an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 or has COVID-19 symptoms. Notify the school and the proper procedures will be discussed with the parents.

If a student has been fully immunized, they will not have to Quarantine if they have been exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive or has COVID-19 symptoms.

ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Quarantine is used to keep someone *who might have been exposed to COVID-19* away from others. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department. **NOTE: Quarantine period is 10 days**

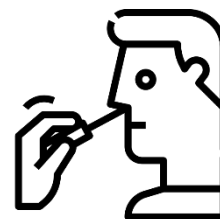
Isolation is used to separate people infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, from people who are not infected. People who are in isolation should stay home until it is safe for them to be around others. In the home, anyone sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific "sick room".

TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 or SUSPECTED WITH COVID-19

Any individuals (student, teacher, or staff-member) who either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 must **isolate** 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:

Return to work/school criteria:

1. All three (3) criteria must be met
 - 1) At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first occurred **and**
 - 2) At least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (**no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications**); **and**
 - 3) You have **significant** improvement in symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc.)
2. If you have symptoms that could be COVID-19 and do not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, it is presumed that you have COVID-19 and may not return to work/school until the three criteria listed above have been met.
3. 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) on day 5-7 obtain an acute infection test at an approved testing location that comes back negative for COVID-19.



Schools may prevent anyone who either does not complete or does not pass screening, from entering their campus.

SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASE

If an employee or student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms on campus/district, he/she will immediately report to the campus **isolation room** and will be further evaluated to determine the need to go home and/or the need to institute COVID-19 procedures.

COVID-19 Procedures

- The nurse will complete the **Suspected COVID19 Case Form** and call the local health authority.
- The nurse and others attending the suspected infected person, will wear a protective mask, gloves, and gown while working with the suspected infected person.
- The nurse will direct the ill person to leave work or call the parent of the student to be picked up to go home.
- The nurse and classroom teacher will identify persons who may have come in contact with the suspected infected person.
- Notify all those that may have been in contact with a suspected ill person.
- The **isolation** area and suspected employee's or student's work area/classroom will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, in addition to all other common surfaces recently touched by the employee or student.

NURSES OFFICE

No student, teacher or staff member with COVID-19 symptoms will be seen in the nurse's office. They will be immediately escorted to the isolation area to be evaluated and if necessary, wait to go home.

GUIDANCE IF EXPOSED AND NOT FULLY IMMUNIZED

While we all hope to avoid exposure to illness from COVID-19, we need to be prepared for that possibility. If you or someone you have been in contact with has been exposed to the virus, our first concern is for your health and safety and those around you.

Please do the following:

1. Quarantine in a specific room away from others in your home
2. Contact your healthcare provider and let them know you have been exposed to COVID-19, then follow their instructions.
3. In case of an emergency, call 911 and let them know you have been exposed to COVID-19, then follow their instructions.
4. The student, teacher, or staff-member should stay at home through the 10-day Quarantine period, check temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19. If the individual experiences symptoms, they must stay at home until the conditions outlined below have been met.
 1. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first occurred: **and**
 2. At least one day (24 hours) have passed with no fever (**without the use of fever-reducing medications**); **and**
 3. Symptoms have significantly improved (cough, shortness of breath, etc.)

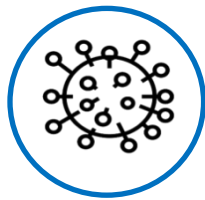


PRACTICES TO RESPOND TO A LAB CONFIRMED CASE IN THE SCHOOL



LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED

If an individual who has been in school is lab confirmed with COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations including confidentiality requirements and FERPA.



AREAS CLOSED FOR CLEANING

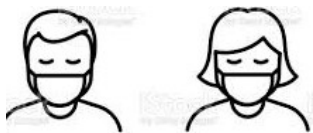
AISD will close off areas for cleaning that are heavily used by the individual with the lab confirmed case (student, teacher, staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than **7 days** have already passed since that person was on campus



ALERT NOTIFICATIONS ARE SENT

Consistent with our school notification requirements, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools will notify all teachers, staff, and families 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.**

MASKS



Masks: Schools are required to comply with the Governor's Executive Order, GA-36 regarding the wearing of masks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) still recommends the wearing of face masks to protect each other from the further spread of COVID-19 and the variants that are now threatening the still vulnerable **unvaccinated**

population. Masks also protect against other airborne viruses, influenza, and colds. Therefore, face masks will be highly recommended but not required.

Face coverings are recommended for children two years of age and older; in the school setting, this generally applies to students in Pre-K and above.

These additional prevention behaviors will continue to be practiced:



1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.

FACILITIES CLEANING

The safety of our employees and students is our first priority. Upon reopening, our schools have been completely cleaned and disinfected and we will continue to adhere to all necessary safety precautions. In addition to the deep cleaning of the office and school before employees and students return, the cleaning steps outlined below are to be taken to disinfect workplace surfaces, chairs, tables, etc. to protect employees and reduce the risk of spread of infection. We will require employees to maintain this safety standard by continuously cleaning and disinfecting based on the frequency stated below.

GENERAL DISINFECTION MEASURES

Category	Area	Frequency
WORKSPACES	Classrooms, Offices	At the end of each use/daily
APPLIANCES	Refrigerators, Microwaves, Coffee Machines	Daily
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	Copier machines, Shared computer monitors, TV's, Telephones, keyboards	At the end of each use and/or day
GENERAL USED OBJECTS	Handles, light switches, sinks, restrooms	Daily
BUSES	Bus seats, handles/railing, belts, window controls	At the end of each use and/or day
COMMON AREAS	Cafeteria, Library, Conference rooms, Gyms, Common Areas	At the end of each use and/or day

AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEM

An air purification system has been installed on all HVAC units in the district to improve indoor air quality.

PRACTICES TO MITIGATE THE LIKELIHOOD OF COVID19 SPREAD INSIDE THE SCHOOL

1. AISD will have hand sanitizers available in classrooms.
2. Students, teachers, and staff are encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
3. AISD encourages students and staff to engage in handwashing for at least 20 seconds two times a day, in addition to washing hands after using the restroom and before eating.
4. Students, teachers, and staff are encouraged to wear masks while on district grounds, unless outside and not within 6 feet of any other person.

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VISITORS ON CAMPUS

The safety of our staff and students remains the district's primary concern. To help prevent the spread of the virus and reduce the risk of exposure to our staff and students, we are conducting a simple screening questionnaire.

CAFETERIA AND MEAL SERVICES

NO parents/visitors during lunch at the present time.

AISD will use disposable food service items. Cafeteria staff has been trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.

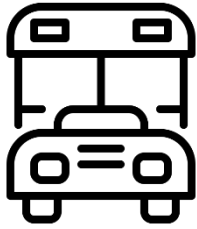
Students may bring their own meals from home. Students can not share food or utensils. Students will not be allowed to have food delivered to any district facility.

Lunch services will include physical distancing when possible and sanitizing protocols will remain in place.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

The campus counselors have developed resources for students, parents and staff-members to access. The counselors will work with students individually or in small groups to address any well-being needs. Students in Pre-K-12th grade will continue to work with the Social-Emotional Learning curriculum, *Character Strong*.

BUS TRANSPORTATION



Hand sanitizer will be available upon boarding the school bus. Students will be seated according to physical distance recommendations.

All surfaces on the bus will be cleaned with a disinfectant solution after each route every day.

TEAM SPORTS

AISD's Athletic Department will present their return to school plan before the beginning of the Fall season team sports.