



# **Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (RIPICS)**

**Clarendon CISD  
2023-2024**

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## **TEA Requirements:**

Texas Education Agency (TEA) significantly streamlined their Public Health Guidance. CCISD revised our Public Health Guidance to closely match TEA's.

## **Precautions:**

- Monitoring and following guidance provided by state and local health organizations
- Using preventative, antimicrobial misting system at all facilities and buses
- Disinfect locker rooms, weight rooms, and equipment cages daily
- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray available for all classrooms
- Physical distancing
- Proper self-care habits will be taught

CCISD will continue posting signage around campuses promoting disease mitigation strategies, increased cleaning and sanitation practices, as well as frequent reminders of hand hygiene and social distancing. CCISD will comply with all health and safety mandates established by the health department and Texas Education Agency. Classrooms will be arranged to maximize space between students.

## **Masks:**

Masks and face coverings are optional for students, staff and visitors in district facilities, school buses, and school events. In accordance with GA-38, schools cannot require the wearing of a mask or face covering. However, any student, teacher, parent, staff member or visitor may wear a mask or other face covering.

**Physical distancing:**

All areas of the campus will be monitored frequently to encourage social distancing. Social distancing will be observed as much as possible, but at times students will be closer than the recommended 6 feet apart.

Signage reminding students and staff about handwashing, social distancing, and infection prevention will be posted throughout the school and in areas mentioned above.

**Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette:**

Students, staff and visitors will be reminded of proper handwashing techniques and encouraged to apply hand sanitizer as often as possible. Hand sanitizer will be available at the front doors of campuses, classrooms and common areas.

**Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities Including Ventilation:**

Classrooms and restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily. High-touch surfaces will be disinfected throughout the day.

Outdoor spaces will be considered when appropriate for learning.

Additional measures include:

- Opening of windows, when feasible
- Opening of doors, when feasible
- Frequent replacement of filters
- Use of fans

CCISD also plans to upgrade HVAC units within the district in the summer of 2022 utilizing ESSER III funds.

### **Contact Tracing:**

Public health authorities will be notified of all positive cases in schools. While school systems are not required to conduct COVID-19 investigations, local public health entities still have authority to investigate cases. Participation in these investigations remains voluntary. If the school is made aware that a student is a close contact, the school must notify the student's parents.

### **Required Actions if Individuals with Test-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School**

1. If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local 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).
2. Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form. The report must be submitted each Monday for the prior seven days (Monday-Sunday).
3. Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a classroom or extracurricular or after-school program cohort if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participated in those classrooms or cohorts.

**Diagnostic Testing and Screening:**

Individuals are asked to self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to entering the campus buildings each day. Individuals should not be on campus if they are exhibiting symptoms.

**Community Vaccinations:**

You may contact the Clarendon Family Medical Center (local clinic) at 806-874-3531 for more information regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

You may also visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to help find vaccines in your area. You may also text your zip code to 438829 for English or 822862 for Spanish or call 1-833-832-7067 for referral to a local vaccine provider.

**Students with disabilities:**

The recommended procedures described in this plan will be applied to all classroom settings, including special education settings, when possible and appropriate. Individual student needs will be addressed on a case by case basis. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies will be allowed.

**Addressing Academic Needs:**

CCISD will continue offering high-quality and rigorous instruction to all students. CCISD is committed to bridging learning gaps created by COVID-19. Campuses will address the academic needs of all students and will identify students who are in need of remediation due to COVID-19 learning loss. Intervention will be conducted with the identified students and may consist of at least 30 hours of small group remediation. Lost learning may also be addressed during targeted interventions during the school day, increased learning time during summer school, or increased learning time through extended day learning such as before or after school tutorials.

**Social-Emotional Well-Being:**

The counselor will work with students individually, small groups and in classroom settings to address well-being needs. The counselor and teachers will utilize and practice specific health services including Character Strong.

CCISD provides support for staff by providing professional development to continue addressing the social-emotional needs of students during the pandemic.

**Food Service:**

Clarendon Elementary will continue to partner with SnackPak4Kids to assist students who are food insecure with nutrition over weekends and school holidays.

**Transportation:**

As we cannot guarantee 6-foot social distancing on our district transportation, it is recommended that parents bring and pick their children up from school or use an alternative method. Students will be taught specific safety protocols. The bus driver and students will use hand sanitizer that will be provided. School buses will be cleaned and disinfected twice daily.

**Student Meals in the Cafeteria**

- Students will be required to wash/sanitize their hands prior to entering the cafeteria
- Thorough sanitizing and hand washing practices will be followed in all areas of the kitchen and serving locations
- All tables will be sanitized between mealtimes
- The campus will plan for physically distant mealtimes as feasible
- Lunch may be served in alternate locations for some grade levels so that social distancing can be maintained
- Students will be discouraged from sharing food or drink
- When possible, cohorts will be grouped together to eat lunch

**Stakeholder Input:**

CCISD engaged in meaningful consultation with stakeholders in the development of this plan. Stakeholder input has been gathered by stakeholder surveys (posted online, sent via Blackboard messenger and hand-delivered to community businesses and workplaces) and at meetings (focus group meetings, district decision-making committee meetings, mobile meetings). Stakeholders include, but not limited to, staff, students, parents, representatives of special populations, district-based committees and community members.

**Opportunity for Public Comment:**

Public comment was sought on July 22 and July 23, 2021 at advertised public meetings. This plan was implemented on August 19, 2021. The plan was reviewed by district committee without revision on February 2, 2022 with opportunity for public comment at an advertised public meeting on February 17, 2022. The plan was reviewed again and revised after meeting on May 23 and June 15, 2022 with stakeholders and an opportunity for public comment at advertised public meetings on July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup>. The plan was reviewed with stakeholders on September 28<sup>th</sup> with an opportunity for public comment on October 10, 2022. The plan was reviewed again on December 5, 2022 with stakeholders with an opportunity for public comment on December 12, 2022. The plan was reviewed again with stakeholders on May 11, 2023 and May 24, 2023 with public comment on June 12, 2023. The plan was reviewed again without changes with stakeholders on September 7, 2023 with public comment on September 11, 2023.

**Review and Revision:**

Clarendon CISD RIPICS Plan will be reviewed at minimum every six months at an advertised public meeting to consider needed or required revision. All stakeholders will have the opportunity to share input prior to the meetings concerning the RIPICS Plan. Stakeholders' input includes, but not limited to, information and ideas addressing concerns of our special populations, mental health services, social and emotional well-being of students, lost instructional time, improving air quality,

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repairing/improving school facilities to reduce the risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards. CCISD will also continually monitor and review CDC guidance and then modify or adjust this plan, with stakeholder input, as appropriate or necessary.