



Tuloso-Midway ISD

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan & Continuity of Services Plan

The situation with COVID-19 is continuously changing, as are the protocols and measures needed to keep students and staff safe. District plans will remain flexible. As guidelines change, adjustments may be necessary throughout the coming school year. Our priority will be to keep the community informed of those changes and updates.

2021-2022

This document will be reviewed and adjusted every 6 months or as needed.

INTRODUCTION

The safety and well-being of all staff and visitors are a priority for Tuloso-Midway ISD as the district welcomes all students and personnel to our campuses for the 2021-2022 school year. Tuloso-Midway ISD schools will continue practices, protocols, and safety guidelines recommended by the CDC, the Texas Education Agency, and City and County Health Departments. The goal is to collaboratively ensure that all students, employees, and visitors in district facilities remain safe and secure to the greatest extent possible.

Many of the safety measures that Tuloso-Midway ISD implemented during the 2020-2021 school year will continue, with guidance from the CDC. The measures we will continue to practice include having access to hand sanitizer stations throughout our facilities. The encouragement of wearing of masks for students, staff, and visitors whether vaccinated or unvaccinated.

As always, Tuloso-Midway ISD staff will continue to meet the challenges of COVID-19 with creativity and perseverance, embodying the commitment of educating all students for success - no matter the circumstances. Tuloso-Midway ISD is committed to every effort, within our power, to ensure the workplace and learning environment are as safe as possible.

This plan is the Tuloso-Midway Independent School District's (District's) guidance on the safe return to in-person instruction. Guidance concerning the coronavirus (COVID-19) will be updated, as mandated by the Texas Education Agency. The information in these guidelines outlines the current best practices provided by federal, state, and local health officials for mitigating COVID-19 infections in the learning/work environment. The information will be repetitive as some of the same procedures will apply to multiple structures.

As Tuloso-Midway I.S.D. continues to remain open, the following health and safety protocols, address recommendations and COVID-19 prevention guidance from the Texas Education Agency and the Centers for Disease Control.

Our goal is to assure a prosperous, safe and healthy learning environment while providing a continuity of services in academics, social/emotional health, and physical health and safety and well-being for all students.

Below are our key priorities and areas of focus:

- Public health and safety
- Instructional continuity and recovery
- Social/Emotional/Mental health
- Maintaining workforce
- Enhance communication

Remote instruction will not be utilized, unless mandated by the Texas Education Agency. Standard student/staff absence procedures are in place. According to current established procedures, school staff will work with students who are absent to assure interrupted learning is recovered and provide appropriate, ample time for completion. Parents, staff and students are highly encouraged to maintain open and ongoing communication to assure any missed instruction is addressed, as timely as possible.

All campuses will be providing extended, supplemental and accelerated support to assist students with recovering learning disrupted by COVID-19.

Our local counseling/guidance programs and staff, along with added resources and specialized staff, will be available and utilized to address social and emotional needs.

All students at TMISD will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year.

Appropriate mitigation and prevention procedures are in place at all campuses and district facilities. These will be reviewed, updated and/or modified, as needed.

TMISD will continue to work collaboratively with the City of Corpus Christi and the Nueces County Health Department to monitor COVID-19 transmission, implement COVID-19 prevention strategies and provide access to health services and vaccinations.

Tuloso-Midway I.S.D. may modify these guidelines based on current health trends and/or orders from local and state officials and governing entities.

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Health and Student Safety

The Tuloso-Midway Independent School District will continue to monitor the COVID-19 landscape. Your health and safety remain our top priority. As a result, the District will maintain safety measures that have proved successful in protecting our students and staff. Because COVID-19 has not been totally eradicated, it is important to remember how the virus is transmitted. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website provides the latest information about COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

PROVISION	STATUS
COORDINATION	TMISD will remain in communication with local health and state officials concerning and changes or safety updates pertaining to COVID-19. These changes will be updated, as needed and appropriate.
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	Any students who have disabilities will receive the needed accommodations to ensure their safety while they are on campus or attending any campus-related events.
MASKS	<p>Encouraged but optional.</p> <p>CDC guidance has recommended that schools continue to use and layer prevention strategies.</p> <p>The Governor of Texas has declared that public school districts may not require students, school staff, or visitors to the school to wear a mask. Therefore, the wearing of masks will be optional for everyone unless a new Public Health Order changes the current order. If wearing a face mask, face masks must be appropriate for school and must be non-offensive, not considered derogatory or otherwise disrespectful to team members or visitors. Logos, graphics, and designs must be professionally appropriate as outlined in the District's dress code policy. (This includes, but is not limited to, vulgar slogans/designs/graphics, profanity, etc.).</p>
SOCIAL/PHYSICAL DISTANCING	<p>Social distancing is recommended when appropriate.</p> <p>Social distancing will be practiced in cafeterias, gym/athletic areas and large group gatherings, if possible.</p> <p>3 feet between students, if possible.</p> <p>Students may move between classrooms and teachers.</p> <p>Desks should be arranged, as needed, with 3 feet of distance, if possible.</p>

HANDWASHING	Practice thorough handwashing and remind students to wash their hands as often as possible for 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer. Handwashing CDC
RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE	As per CDC recommendation, respiratory etiquette will continue to be encouraged - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. ○ Use tissues and throw them away. ○ Wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer every time you touch your mouth or nose.
VISITORS	Visitors (including parents) will not be allowed in the cafeteria during mealtimes. This will be reassessed and adjusted, accordingly.
BATHROOMS & WATER FOUNTAINS	Normal bathroom procedures. Remove all temporary barriers to bathroom stalls and sinks. Bottle fillers and water fountains are available for use.
DISTRICT PPE	Each campus will maintain PPE supplies.
SHARING SUPPLIES	Follow normal classroom procedures.
SPORTS & EXTRACURRICULAR	No limits on audiences/spectators. 3 feet of distance between students, if possible . Use outside areas for practice/play, if possible .
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL	Follow normal school protocols.

CLEANING	<p>Regular cleaning schedules will be supplemented with additional deep, sanitization protocol during evenings and weekends.</p> <p>Cleaning supplies will be provided for classrooms/offices for immediate, as needed, cleaning.</p>
FOOD SERVICES/CAFETERIA	<p>Normal cafeteria services.</p> <p>Spacing of students 3 feet apart, if possible.</p> <p>Students are to be encouraged and reminded to wash hands and use sanitizer.</p> <p>Visitors (including parents) will not be allowed in the cafeteria during mealtimes.</p>
TRANSPORTATION	<p>Normal transportation procedures.</p> <p>Buses will be sanitized at the end of each day.</p>
LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS	<p>More than 10 people may gather.</p> <p>3 feet of distance between students, if possible.</p>
FIELD TRIPS	Yes.
OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRAVEL	Yes.
LIBRARY	Normal library procedures.
COVID-19 ISOLATION AREAS	Campus nurses will utilize a designated area to quarantine a student who is COVID symptomatic, until a parent/guardian picks them up.
SELF-SCREENING	<p>If feeling any COVID-19 symptoms, staff and students are encouraged to stay home and visit or request guidance from their personal physician.</p> <p>Symptoms CDC</p>

POSITIVE CASE	<p>Staff must notify their Supervisor of a confirmed, positive test result.</p> <p>Coronavirus/COVID-19 is a disease requiring exclusion from school under 25 Tex. Admin. Code § 97.7.</p> <p>School systems must exclude staff and students from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19.</p> <p>Staff and students are to follow direction of/from their personal physician.</p> <p>Confirmed, positive cases will be reported to county and state health departments by Health Services staff.</p>
CLOSE CONTACT/STAFF	<p>The district will conduct contact tracing of staff members who are confirmed to be COVID positive.</p> <p>Those staff members who are identified as being in “close contact” with the confirmed, positive individual will be notified of the testing requirements.</p>
CLOSE CONTACT/STUDENTS	<p>As a reference, close contact determinations are generally based on guidance outlined by the CDC, which notes that individuals who are vaccinated are not considered close contacts.</p> <p>In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.</p> <p>This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.</p> <p>Students can end the stay-at-home period if they receive a negative result from a PCR acute infection test after the close contact exposure ends.</p>
STAFF TESTING REQUIREMENT	<p>For staff who meet the close contact threshold with a COVID-19 positive individual, if these staff continue to work on campus, rapid testing must be performed at the start of the day, at least once every other day until the end of day 10.</p> <p>For staff who are not fully vaccinated who meet the close contact threshold with a COVID-19 positive individual, it is recommended that the staff remain off campus during the stay-at-home period.</p>

STUDENT EXCLUSION PERIOD	<p>As provided in this Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19 or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19.</p> <p>Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, 2 until the conditions for re-entry are met.</p>
TRACING/QUARANTINE	<p>All contact tracing and quarantine monitoring will be done by the Nueces County Health Department.</p> <p>Except in certain circumstances, people who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 should quarantine. However, the following people with recent exposure may not need to quarantine:</p> <p>People who have been fully vaccinated People who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last three months</p>
RE-ENTRY/RE-ADMISSION	<p>Staff and students may return when the re-entry conditions have been met, as described in the DSHS rule used for students:</p> <p>If symptomatic, exclude until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free*, and other symptoms have improved. Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 10 days after the day they were tested.</p> <p>*Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.</p>
NOTICE	<p>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.</p> <p>Total numbers of staff and student COVID cases reported to TMISD will be published, daily, on the TMISD website.</p>

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS	<p>Parents are encouraged (but not required) to notify Health Services staff if student has been vaccinated.</p> <p>Staff are encouraged (but not required) to notify Human Resources if they have received the vaccination.</p> <p>Opportunities to receive vaccines will be offered, as available, on dates to be determined and announced.</p> <p>The City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County Public Health District provides update-to-date information regarding vaccine availability. CCTEXAS.COM</p>
REMOTE CONFERENCING	<p>During the exclusion period, if possible, TMISD may deliver remote instruction consistent with the practice of remote conferencing outlined in the proposed Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH) rules, as described here.</p> <p>These two requirements must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student is unable to attend school because of a temporary medical condition. • The total amount of remote conferencing instruction does not exceed more than 20 instructional days over the entirety of the school year. <p>In addition, one of the following requirements also must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student's temporary medical condition is documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States. The documentation must include a statement from the physician that the student is to remain confined to their home or to a hospital. • The student has a positive test result for a communicable condition listed in 25 TAC §97.7. • The student has been identified as having been in close contact with COVID-19. <p>Instruction must be provided synchronously, which means two-way, real-time/live virtual instruction between teachers and students. The instruction cannot be concurrent, which means remote students must not be taught by a teacher who is also teaching in-person students at the same time.</p>