



Taylor Independent School District

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

Overview

Taylor ISD strives to inspire, equip, and empower every student to achieve their unique potential. We intentionally empower the whole child based on the following beliefs:

- EVERY student has unique potential and shall engage in opportunities to grow in a safe environment through multiple approaches to learning.
- Families are partners who will be informed and supported in the educational process to help students discover their unique potential.
- Empowered faculty and staff utilize their respected skills to serve as student advocates for the whole child.

In-Person instruction will begin on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

Taylor ISD will continue to follow recommendations from Williamson County Public Health, Texas Education Agency, and the State of Texas.

Healthy and Safety

Practices to Mitigate the likelihood of Covid-19 spread

- Students will be encouraged to practice social distancing.
- Students and staff will be instructed on hand washing techniques and scheduled hand-washing times during the school day.
- Instruction will be provided on preventative measures for themselves and others of COVID-19 at school.
- Reception and lobby areas will be set for social distancing.
- Each campus has bottle filling stations installed. Parents should send a water bottle to school with their child.
- TISD will institute more frequent cleaning practices for janitorial staff as well as students/teaching staff.
- Hand sanitizing stations are provided in every classroom and throughout the buildings.

Health Screening

Parents are asked to screen their children at home and not send their child to school if they are exhibiting any Covid symptoms. Schools will also screen students for symptoms upon entry.

Symptoms for Covid-19 include at least one of the following:

- Fever of 100F or above,
- cough
- sore throat,
- shortness of breath/trouble breathing,
- chills,
- muscle aches,
- loss of taste or smell,
- nausea, vomiting or diarrhea,
- new headache.

If you or your student are symptomatic, please stay home. Rapid testing is available through the nurse's office on each campus.

Positive Cases

Families will be notified if their student tests positive at school. Only the parents of the student who tests positive will be notified.

Quarantine Protocols

A person that has medical documentation of being previously COVID-19 positive does not need to quarantine unless they exhibit symptoms.

A student or staff member who tests positive must quarantine and may return to school when the following criteria are met:

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

Upon return to school, the individual must wear a mask for 5 days.

Classrooms

Cleaning protocols will be maintained by school and custodial staff. This includes wiping down commonly used surfaces. All areas will be sprayed with disinfectant and deep cleaned each afternoon. Routines will be established to ensure students use hand sanitizer and wash their hands.

Custodial and Maintenance

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Transportation

Students on school buses will return to normal seating arrangements. To the greatest extent possible, seating will be limited to allow appropriate space between students. Buses will be cleaned and sanitized after each bus route.

Extracurricular and Student Organization Activities

Students participating in Extracurricular activities and student organizations will follow the same guidelines for during the school day.

Vaccination Clinics

Taylor ISD will continue to partner with Williamson County Health Department and host vaccination clinics open to staff and students.

Academics

Taylor ISD is committed to educating the whole child.

- Students will attend class in-person daily with the classroom teacher starting August 17, 2022.
- Small group instruction will be provided to help bridge the gaps due to interrupted learning during the previous school year.
- All students will be provided with social emotional learning experiences.
- Students will be expected to follow all health and safety expectations.

Special Education and Other Special Programs

- Students who require academic support and interventions will receive it
- Students who receive accommodations through special education, GT, 504, Dyslexia, or multilingual services will continue to receive support and services

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