

# WebbCISD Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan

For the 2021-22 school year, instruction for all students will be in a face-to-face setting, along with other activities and extracurricular programs. This statement is meant to satisfy the requirements for accepting additional funds through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.

**Campus Screening Protocols** - Teachers and staff will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before arriving on campus each day. Automated temperature screening kiosks will be available at each campus. Parents should continue to screen students for symptoms of illness (including Covid-19 symptoms) prior to sending students to school each day. Students riding the bus will be screened as part of the on-boarding process. Students exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms should remain home while parents communicate with campus nursing staff regarding appropriate actions.

**Arrival/Dismissal** - Students requiring district transportation arrive on district busses and unload in designated areas. Upon arrival, students will be housed in the cafeteria prior to the start of the school day. At the end of the school day, students will be released in accordance with campus release procedures. Parent-pick-up areas are established at each campus, with bus transportation provided outdoors to reduce congestion as students exit the building.

**Classroom Procedures** - District classrooms will maximize space to keep students socially distanced to the greatest extent possible, given the physical limitations of each room. Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and throughout facilities.

**Food Service Protocols** - The WebbCISD cafeteria will return to traditional food service models with most students eating in the cafeteria. Middle School and High School will continue to have lunch separately. Hand sanitizer stations will be available for use at the beginning of each serving line. Every effort will be made to eliminate areas and systems that create contamination concerns.

**Campus Visitors** - All campus visitors must check in through the main office. Any individual who exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 or has had direct contact with an individual confirmed to have Covid-19 will be denied entry. Campuses will minimize

the presence of non-district personnel allowed to enter each facility. Masks are available upon request.

**Instructional Delivery** – WebbCISD will return to 100% in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. The district will not institute a remote learning academy or provide remote instruction to students as an alternative to traditional, on-campus instruction. Students will be allowed to make up all missing assignments once they return to campus.

**Instructional Continuity** - Implementation of technology devices (one-to-one) will provide the foundation for instructional continuity. Should the need for campus or district closures arise, remote learning can be implemented at any time.

**Transportation Services** – WebbCISD will run regular transportation routes. When possible, WebbCISD buses will operate with open windows to allow for air circulation. Buses will be thoroughly cleaned after each bus trip, focusing on high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles.

**Extracurricular Participation** - WebbCISD extracurricular activities will operate in compliance with UIL and TEA guidance.

**Masks/Face Coverings** - In accordance with the latest guidance from the Texas Education Agency consistent with the Governor’s executive order (GA-38), WebbCISD is prohibited from requiring students or staff to wear a mask. Masks are encouraged but not required. WebbCISD will allow individuals to wear a mask if they choose to do so. Additionally, masks are available upon request.

**Mitigation Practices** - WebbCISD will continue to monitor guidance from the CDC regarding the safe operations of schools and implement policies and practices to protect the health and safety of our students and employees. The district will follow the guidelines established by the Region 11 Public Health Department and the Texas Education Agency. Students and staff will be able to request a Covid-19 antigen test at any time they wish, subject to availability.

**Social Distancing** – WebbCISD will build systems and operations to maximize the ability of individuals within the schools to practice social distancing to the greatest extent possible.

**Handwashing/Respiratory Etiquette** – WebbCISD campuses will provide guidance and instruction for students to practice effective handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

**Enhanced Cleaning Protocols** - The district will continue to follow enhanced cleaning protocols to sanitize surfaces within district facilities. Cleaning protocols include the use of chemicals designed to kill viruses and other pathogens on surfaces.

**Ventilation** - The district will continue to make efforts to improve ventilation and air circulation throughout facilities.

**Covid Response** – Parents and employees will be required to report test-positive cases of Covid-19 to the school nurse, campus administration or their supervisor. 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, until the conditions for re-entry are met. If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have Covid-19, the school will notify the Regional Health Department, in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is test-confirmed to have Covid-19, WebbCISD will submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Additionally, parents will be notified when there is a positive case in their student’s class/grade who has been on campus. Employees will be notified when there is a positive case in their department/campus.

**COVID-19 Positive Cases** - If a student has a confirmed case of COVID, please contact the school nurse. Please refrain from sending symptomatic or sick students to school. If staff have a confirmed case of COVID, please contact your immediate supervisor. Staff should not report to work if they are sick with Covid-19, suspected of being sick with Covid-19, or who have received a positive test result. There will continue to be schoolwide notifications of positive cases at each campus without revealing patient names. Guidelines under which students and staff may return after a positive or presumptive-positive Covid-19 test will be according to the latest CDC guidance at the time of the event. The WebbCISD school nurse will continue to send students home who have a fever, diarrhea, are vomiting, lose sense of taste or smell, or display significant symptoms of illness.

**Contact Tracing** – School districts are not required to conduct Covid-19 contact tracing. The district will follow local guidance and TEA protocols regarding close contacts.

**Isolation** - Any individual who presents with Covid-19 symptoms in the school will be isolated immediately and evaluated by district nursing personnel. The district will follow local guidance and TEA protocols regarding symptomatic individuals.

**Quarantine** - Students and staff will not be required to quarantine for exposure, however; same household direct contact will be required to quarantine subject to CDC guidelines.

**Return-to-Campus Protocol** – Campus Administration will evaluate circumstances and establish the timeline for which an individual may return to campus. This decision will be based on guidelines established by the local health authority and TEA.

**Vaccinations** - WebbCISD has worked closely with area officials and to make Vaccines available to all district employees and the Webb CISD community.

**Students with Disabilities** - Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, WebbCISD has coordinated services for students with disabilities. District staff and teachers have continued the process of evaluating students, providing appropriate accommodations and learning supports, and meeting the needs of students. This support was available, regardless of the learning environment, and continues to be available through any future scenarios that would involve continuity of services implementation due to the pandemic.

**Social, Emotional, or Mental Health Needs** – WebbCISD counseling staff are prepared to respond to social, emotional, or mental health concerns. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, counselors are available on each campus and work proactively to protect the mental health of students.

**Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services (RIPICS) Plan Review** - The WebbCISD RIPICS plan will be reviewed every six months or any time that additional guidance or information merits changes.

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