



# STEPHENVILLE

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



*Developing the Potential of Every Student, Every Day*

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

All instruction for the **2022-2023** school year in Stephenville ISD will be in person. The Curriculum and Instruction Department will be working with all staff to revisit, revise and recommit to the instructional practices best suited for academic acceleration. We will revisit our previously utilized materials and resources, decide if they are still relevant, and decide how we will utilize them going forward. We will revise our materials and resources based on data points including student and campus needs, and we will recommit to employing the best instructional practices to ensure high levels of learning for all students

#### **Health and Safety of Students, Educators, and Staff**

SISD will continue to maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school staff by following a complete list of COVID-19 protocols. Any changes to protocols may be made based on current Texas Education Agency, Centers for Disease Control, and Erath County Health Department guidance in conjunction with the State of Texas.

Effective **August 15, 2022**:

- Face coverings are **optional**, but not required, for visitors, staff, and students.
- Campuses will work to ensure no student is treated differently as a result of their choice to wear a mask or not wear a mask.
- Visitors will be allowed on campus according to standard visiting rules.
- Social distancing will be maintained when feasible.
- Staff and students will continue to be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- Parents and employees will continue to be required to report confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 to campus staff. Students who test positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for **5 days** after symptom onset or a positive result. (This could change with TEA guidance.) Staff with symptoms of COVID-19 OR a confirmed case of COVID-19 must stay home for 5 days from the date of symptom onset, fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-

reducing medication, and other symptoms have improved. Individuals with no symptoms must quarantine for at least 5 days after the day they tested positive. A health care provider may revise this procedure by writing a note that is sent to the campus nurse prior to the student/staff returning to campus.

- For grades PK-4, staff will identify the classroom(s) that a COVID-19 positive student or employee has frequented and will notify the employee and parents of the students in that classroom that there has been exposure to someone positive for COVID-19.
- For grades 5-12, SISD will notify all parents of any COVID-19 positive student or employee. This notification will include a schedule of the COVID-19 positive person for parents to review and check for possible exposure.
- Parents of students who are determined to be close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 may opt to keep their students at home.
- Routine and enhanced cleaning/sanitation measures will continue at all SISD facilities; facilities will be disinfected and sanitized per industry guidelines. Emphasis will be given to ensure high-touch surfaces are disinfected periodically.
- Any SISD facility identified having a confirmed COVID-19 positive test will undergo enhanced disinfection per industry guidelines.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout all SISD facilities
- If an SISD employee or an employee's dependent receives a lab-confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis they will use their 5 days of sick or personal leave and be given up to a total of ten additional days from SISD. (use 5 days get 5 days; use 5 days get 5 days)
- Anyone who tested positive for Covid-19 with a lab-confirmed positive test within the previous 90 days and has subsequently recovered and remains without COVID-19 symptoms does not need to quarantine
- There will be an active dashboard on the District website that will communicate the active cases that exist at each campus.

## COVID-19 Isolation Plan

### Students Who Display COVID-19 Symptoms While at School

#### Step 1:

When a student on campus has displayed multiple symptoms of COVID-19, such as a fever, coughing, shortness of breath, etc., the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home. Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within one hour.

#### Step 2:

The campus nurse will speak with the parent/guardian regarding the student who has multiple symptoms of COVID-19. They may return to campus after 10 days have passed from symptom onset AND symptoms improved AND at least 24 hours have passed with no fever without the use

of fever-reducing medication. A health care provider may revise this procedure by writing a note that is sent to the campus nurse prior to the student returning to campus.

**Step 3:**

The campus nurse will follow up with the lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive student throughout the quarantine and isolation period.

**Step 4:**

If the parent of the student reports to the campus nurse that the student was tested for COVID-19 and is now lab-confirmed positive, the steps for "Students Who Report That They Are Lab-Confirmed Positive for COVID-19" will be followed.

Students Who Report That They Are Lab-Confirmed Positive for COVID-19

**Step 1:**

When a student has been lab-confirmed positive for COVID-19, the school nurse and teacher should be notified of their illness, and the student should remain home for 5 days (This duration could change with TEA guidance.) from the date of symptom onset. A health care provider may revise this procedure by writing a note that is sent to the campus nurse prior to the student/staff returning to campus.

**Step 2:**

The student who had the lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive test result may return to campus after 5 days (This date could change with TEA guidance.) from the date of symptom onset have passed AND symptoms improved AND at least 24 hours have passed with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. A health care provider may revise this procedure by writing a note that is sent to the campus nurse prior to the student/staff returning to campus.

**Step 3:**

The campus nurse will follow up with the lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive student throughout the quarantine and isolation period.

**Step 4:**

SISD will follow Texas Education Agency guidance for reporting lab-positive confirmed COVID-19 cases.