



Brownwood Independent School District 2021 - 2023 Return to School Continuity of Services Plan

Brownwood ISD is committed to the health and safety of every student and staff member as well as our community. We will follow the guidance and best practices of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), Brown County Health Department, Texas Education Agency (TEA), and local governance.

General Health & Safety Protocols (8/3/21)

- During lunches, visitors will be monitored and can expect an assigned seating area.
 - Students will be able to utilize hallway lockers.
 - In buses, classrooms, and cafeterias, students may experience assigned seating.
 - Vaccines, while not required, are available from the Brownwood / Brown County Health Department and select Brownwood pharmacies for individuals 12 years old and older. Information can be found at [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)
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Health Self-Screening for Staff & Students (1/4/22)

- Students and staff should self-screen for illness symptoms daily before arriving at school. The best way to prevent the spread of illness in our schools is to stay home when ill. Students and staff should not attend school if they have a fever of 100.0 F or higher or new onset symptoms of illness.
- Students and staff may be subject to periodic temperature checks for verification, especially if they are feeling ill or suspected of having a fever during the school day.

Confirmed positive test with COVID-19

- Confirmed positive COVID-19 must be reported to campus/district administration. Brownwood ISD is required to report positive cases to Brownwood/Brown County Health Department and the Texas Education Agency.
- Unless otherwise directed by a medical professional, both students and employees should isolate for five days after the date of symptom onset or test date if asymptomatic as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Control (CDC). After isolation ends, an additional five days of wearing a mask is encouraged.
- Individuals must be fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications before returning to school or work. District administrators will continue monitoring the situation along with any updates in requirements for exclusion from the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- In addition to the above guidelines, per UIL Guidance, a student who tests positive for COVID must be cleared by a physician to participate in extracurricular activities.

Symptoms consistent with COVID-19

- Consider isolating to prevent the unintended transmission of the virus to others as recommended by the CDC.



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- Consider seeking medical guidance from your health care provider.
- Consider testing as recommended by the CDC.
- Consider wearing a mask or face covering if respiratory symptoms are present and you choose not to test for COVID-19 to prevent the unintended transmission of the virus to others.
- Employees are expected to stay home when ill and notify their supervisor. Students should not be sent to school when ill. The school nurse will assess students who become ill during the school day and parents/guardians will be contacted as needed. Anyone with a temperature of 100.0 F or higher, active vomiting and/or diarrhea, or any other signs of a communicable condition will be excluded from school until the readmission criteria for the conditions are met as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- Visitors should not enter district facilities if they are ill.

Extended exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19

- **Exposure outside of school or school activities**
 - Contact the Brownwood / Brown County Health Department for quarantine recommendation
 - **If Health Department requires quarantine:** follow the quarantine and their guidelines for return
 - **If Health Department does not require quarantine:** monitor for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 for 14 days after the date of last contact
 - **No COVID-19 symptoms**
 - **Students:** may return to school and monitor
 - **Staff:** may return to school and monitor; rapid testing is provided by the district and encouraged at the start of the day, at least once every other day until the end of day 10
 - **COVID-19 Symptoms**
 - **Everyone:** must stay home until readmission criteria are met
- **Exposure during school or school activities**
 - BISD will notify staff and parents of students with extended exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case
 - **No COVID-19 symptoms**
 - **Students:** may return to school and monitor
 - **Staff:** may return to school and monitor; rapid testing is provided by the district and encouraged at the start of the day, at least once every other day until the end of day 10
 - **COVID-19 Symptoms**
 - **Everyone:** must stay home until readmission criteria are met

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Masks (8/2/21)

- No employee, student, or visitor is required to wear a mask or face covering but all employees, students, and visitors are allowed to wear a mask or face covering, if they choose to do so.
- The CDC recommends unvaccinated individuals wear a mask or face covering in public settings, at events and gatherings, and anywhere they will be around other people.



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- Brownwood ISD expects all students, employees, and visitors to respect the choice of others in regards to the wearing of masks or face coverings.
- Brownwood ISD will continue to provide PPE appropriate to the task for all employees by request.

Handwashing & Hand Sanitizers (8/2/21)

- Elementary teachers are encouraged to supervise student handwashing for 20 seconds at least two times each day. All students and staff are encouraged to wash hands after using the restroom and before eating.
- Handwashing stations are available in restrooms and some classrooms.
- Hand sanitizer continues to be available in each classroom and commons areas.

Cleaning & Disinfectant Protocols (8/2/21)

- Cleaning and disinfecting occurs daily in every classroom, commons area, and on high-touch surfaces.
- Every classroom and office area have disinfectant in a spray bottle with cleaning cloths provided for employees and students to use in high-touch areas throughout the school day.

Academic Services (8/2/21)

Brownwood ISD is committed to providing rigorous, TEKS-based instruction to all students. We will offer face-to-face instruction for all students for the 2021-2022 school year. Students who medically require home-based remote instruction will be served. Contact your campus administration for services.

Brownwood ISD intends to continue to use both local and federal funds to purchase instructional materials to address the academic needs of all students, to close learning gaps, provide teacher training in best practices, provide additional paraprofessional support to assist students, and implement strategies to address social and emotional needs of students.

Brownwood ISD intends to continue to use both local and federal funds to provide additional teachers to assist students, provide instructional coaches to build capacity of teachers, provide tutorials and academic interventions for students, and conduct family engagement activities.

Brownwood ISD intends to add additional district and campus staff to provide and maintain educational services to students and provide learning recovery.

Brownwood ISD intends to purchase additional resources such as instructional materials, software, and equipment to address the unique needs of students.



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Communication (8/2/21)

- Brownwood ISD will continue to inform key stakeholders regularly while offering opportunities for feedback to help shape the BISD 2021-2022 Return to School Plan
- The District and campuses will communicate official BISD news using SchoolMessenger, websites, and social media accounts.
- Specific questions, concerns, or suggestions should be directed to info@brownwoodisd.org
 - Teachers and staff with personnel questions can contact Mr. Doug Bonsal (doug.bonsal@brownwoodisd.org; 325-643.5644)