

Lindale ISD Return to School Plan & COVID-19 Safety Procedures

2021-22 School Year

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The Covid-19 Pandemic has been a World-Wide Pandemic since early 2020. Lindale ISD used strict procedures and protocols to mitigate the virus spread enabling Lindale ISD students and staff to operate safely during the 2020-21 school year. For the 2021-22 school year, Lindale ISD will continue many of the proven safety measures to keep our students, staff, families, and community safe. LISD Administrators will closely monitor infection spread data from State Health Officials, the Texas Education Agency, and the Center for Disease Control to adjust safety procedures as needed. *Please note that these are general administrative procedures and guidelines and may be altered or changed at any time for the safety of our students, staff members, and community. The district will comply with applicable federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address individual needs. The first day of school for the 2021-22 school year is Wednesday, August 18th.*

School Preparations

Lindale ISD ensures all staff, resources, and supplies are prepared for school, including but not limited to assigning sufficient staff to carry out protocols, ensuring proper training, and stocking inventory of necessary supplies. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides guidance, recommendations, and resources to assist with plans and protocols for health and safety. Lindale ISD implements health and safety plans that include:

- Ensuring adequate supply inventory (e.g., cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- Cleaning with products approved by governing authorities and per guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Ensuring compliance with CDC, Health and Human Services, the Texas Education Agency, and other jurisdictional policies

- Providing communication of procedures and expectations upon entering facilities and throughout buildings.

Lindale ISD COVID-19 Protocol

Student Infection

- ❖ A student with a confirmed case will quarantine at home for a minimum of 10 days
- ❖ Classrooms and spaces of infected student will immediately receive a deep sanitary cleaning
- ❖ Exposed students will be monitored for 7-10 days by school nurse and parents
- ❖ District will provide family with recommended practices from State Health Officials
- ❖ Students that have infected family members will be monitored by school nurse for 7-10 days
- ❖ Daily student screening will be administered by parents before attending school ❖ Students that have fever or feel sick should stay home

Teacher Infection

- ❖ A teacher with a confirmed case will be quarantined from campus for a minimum of 10 days
- ❖ Students of the teacher will be monitored by School Nurse for 10 days
- ❖ Classroom and spaces of infected teacher will receive deeper cleaning before next school day
- ❖ Teachers will complete a daily self-screening for Covid symptoms before reporting to work

Staff Member Infection

- ❖ An infected staff member will quarantine from school campuses for a minimum of 10 days
- ❖ Staff member's workspace will receive deeper cleaning before next school day
- ❖ Co-workers will be monitored by campus nurse for 10 days

- ❖ Staff Member will complete a daily self-screening for Covid symptoms before reporting to work

Classroom and Campus Infection

- ❖ Cumulative Class and Campus Infections will be tracked and monitored daily and weekly. If a class or campus infection rate is drastically increasing, the district will adjust procedures and protocols to help mitigate the spread of the virus.

Personal Protective Equipment- Face Coverings

While the state of Texas no longer requires wearing masks, we want all students and staff to feel comfortable if they choose to wear a mask at any time. Masks are optional for Lindale ISD students and staff.

Visitors on Campus

- ❖ ***During the first month of school, visitors will ONLY be allowed in the campus office area during the school day.***
- ❖ ***Parents and grandparents will not be allowed to eat with their child or grandchild during the first month of school. With low infection rates among the community and school campuses, Lindale ISD will allow parents and grandparents to visit during lunch after the first month of school.***

Classrooms Mitigations

- ❖ Classrooms will be cleaned multiple times per day
- ❖ Students will be required to wash hands multiple times per day
- ❖ Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer
- ❖ Students, teachers, and staff will be allowed to wear face masks (Masks are not required, but worn by individual choice)
- ❖ Students will be spaced apart as much as possible to help with social distancing

Bus/Transportation

- ❖ Buses will be sanitized daily
- ❖ Masks or face coverings are optional and worn by individual choice
- ❖ Infection rates among bus riders will be tracked and monitored
- ❖ Extra cleaning and safety measures will be implemented with bus routes experiencing increased infection

Cafeteria

- ❖ Cafeteria tables will be cleaned after each student sitting or lunch period
- ❖ Students will be spaced apart as much as possible
- ❖ Parents and Grandparents will not be allowed to eat with their child or grandchild during the first month of school. With low infection rates among the community and school Lindale Campuses will allow parents and grandparents to visit during lunch after the first month of school

Extra-Curricular Events

- ❖ All stadiums and facilities will have extra cleaning to prevent the spread of viruses
- ❖ Seating spacing may be altered with increases in infection rates among the community and school district
- ❖ Masks are optional and may be worn by individual choice
- ❖ LISD will follow UIL Covid Mitigation Protocols at all UIL activities