



Evant Independent School District

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August 16, 2021

Dear Evant ISD Family,

Our staff has worked hard to prepare for Meet the Teacher and is excited to welcome back our students on August 18, 2021. You will get a hard-copy of the EISD 2021-22 Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (RIPICS) addressing our COVID-19 processes and protocols for the new school year. The 21-22 RIPICS plan will be available on our website at www.evantisd.org and posted on our Evant ISD Facebook page.

There are many discussions occurring across the state regarding mask mandates and varied guidance from multiple agencies. We will follow the Governor's Order, GA-38, prohibiting public school districts from requiring masks. Masks are optional. We strongly encourage that you support our mitigation strategies, found within our RIPICS plan.

On August 5, 2021 and on August 12, 2021, Commissioner Mike Morath reviewed new COVID-19 protocols for public health with superintendents. Commissioner Morath also reviewed remote conferencing guidelines for the 2021-22 school year. In response to guidance provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), Evant ISD will do the following:

- Support all staff, students, and visitors who choose to wear a face mask.
- Encourage vaccinations for staff and students.
- Conduct contact tracing.
- Notify parents/guardians if their child is considered a close contact for a positive case of COVID-19.
- Notify faculty and staff if they are considered a close contact for a positive case of COVID-19.
- Notify ALL parents/guardians and staff of any positive COVID-19 cases.
- Require quarantine for those who have tested positive or are symptomatic (two or more symptoms) of COVID-19.
- Apply optional quarantine measures for asymptomatic close contacts.
- EISD will provide in-person learning. For students who must quarantine, in place of virtual/remote conferencing, EISD will provide assignments via Google Classroom and/or other methods.
- Monitor the attendance and achievement of students adjusting plans as needed.

Please ensure that you review the details of EISD RIPICS plan. The plan further explains the bullets mentioned above. The health and safety of our students and staff is taken very seriously in EISD. In EISD we believe that our students should be in school to connect better with their teachers and classmates and reduce the learning gap.

I appreciate the support throughout this transition and as we start-up for the new school year. Together we can move mountains for our students. I look forward to growing partnerships with you!

Sincerely,
Brenda Martinez, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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August 26, 2021

Dear Evant ISD Community,

I sincerely apologize for any COVID-19 contradictions given to you via a school letter, the EISD COVID-19 plan, and/or given to you in person when visiting the campus.

We have made changes to ensure alignment of our practices and protocols to minimize the spread of COVID-19:

- An updated COVID Visitor Declaration process has been put into action. The updated declaration form is available to view on our EISD website under district links (on the main page) and posted on Facebook.
 - Visitors must meet two requirements - Be COVID-19 symptom free AND not live with or interact daily with someone who is COVID-19 positive. This guideline applies to visitors *(those who are not employed by EISD)*.
- We must provide a free, public, and appropriate education to ALL students. Therefore, as long as students meet the Return to School guidelines, then they can attend in-person learning.
- We must have staff on-site to provide an education to ALL students. Therefore, as long as staff meet the Return to school guidelines, then they can report to work to continue serving our students.
- An Updated Copy of our EISD COVID-19 Plan is available on our website under district links (on the main page) and posted to Facebook.
 - Please ensure that you review the plan to understand the requirements students, staff, and visitors must meet in order to re-enter the school setting.
- Our Remote Instruction Plan is for students quarantined by a doctor's orders and/or a positive COVID-19 test result. This plan will be made available by close of business on Monday, August 30, 2021. You will be able to find it on our website under district links (on the main page), it will be posted to Facebook, and a copy will be sent home with all students. Please let us know if you have any questions once you review the plan.
- **NEW - Coming Soon -** EISD will be a COVID-19 Rapid Test Site for EISD employees and enrolled students only. More information about this service will come your way soon. This will be voluntary and solely conducted with parent/guardian permission. Again, more information to come soon.

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- Encourage vaccinations for staff and students.
- Notify parents/guardians if their child is considered a close contact for a positive case of COVID-19.
- Notify staff if they are considered a close contact for a positive case of COVID-19.
- Require quarantine for those who have tested positive or are symptomatic (two or more symptoms) of COVID-19 with a doctor's note.
- Monitor the attendance and achievement of students adjusting plans as needed.
- Ensure visitors meet both declaration requirements.

Again, please ensure that you review the details of the EISD plans mentioned above. The health and safety of our students and staff is taken very seriously. We would love to have all EISD students present and healthy at school! *It is your parent/guardian right to look into other avenues if you feel in-person learning is not safe for your child.*

COVID-19 processes and protocols are subject to change pending state guidelines and district needs.

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