

PRESIDIO ISD
RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

REMOTE/VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING:

GO TO: Presidio ISD website to register online: presidio-isd.net

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- Click on “Learn More”
- Ascender Parent Portal will display
- Login and register your student (create an account if new to the district)
- Need Assistance??

Please call the campus if you are needing assistance.

- Presidio Elementary: 432-229-3200
- Franco Middle School: 432-229-1925
- High School: 432-229-1100

ONCE REGISTERED:

Campus will contact you with pertinent information regarding your student’s teacher, virtual homeroom, schedule, google classroom instructions, lessons, timeline, and rules to follow as a virtual student.

IN-PERSON INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING:

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ONCE REGISTERED:

Campus will contact you with pertinent information regarding your student’s teacher, homeroom, schedule, and rules to follow as an on-campus student.

PARENTS MUST CHOOSE ONE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION: In Person Instruction OR Remote/Virtual Instruction. Once you choose either of these methods of instruction, you May change methods at the END of a grading period (6 weeks period).

Homeschool is an option if you do NOT want to be part of the Presidio ISD school system. For this method of instruction, you do not need to register your student with PISD.

SAFETY FIRST:

The District budgeted for the necessary cleaning and sanitation supplies that will be needed to open the schools in August. The Texas Education Agency also provided additional supplies to school districts. All classrooms will be equipped with plenty of hand sanitizers and bathrooms will be stocked with soap and paper towels.

All students will receive instruction during the first week of school on appropriate hygiene practices and mitigation strategies and will be reinforced throughout the school year. We are confident that our students will do their part to keep their home and school families safe.

All aspects of this plan will be reviewed no less than once a six weeks with special emphasis on the following items:

- Mask expectations;
- Sanitation on campus;
- Visitors on campus;
- Parents on campus;

This review will consider factors such as but not limited to changes to federal and state executive orders, updated health guidance, local health conditions, and consultation with local health authorities.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS:

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages, and school system leaders should do everything feasible to keep students, teachers, staff, and our communities safe. That said, research from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19 and some severe outcomes have been reported in children, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized or have severe symptoms. Furthermore, the American Academy of Pediatrics notes that COVID-19 risks must be balanced with the need for children to attend school in person, given that lack of physical access to school leads to a number of negative consequences, placing “children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity, and in some case, mortality.”ⁱ

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly. This guidance document contains information on four sets of practices that minimize the likelihood of viral spread, including some that are requirements for all schools and others that are recommendations:ⁱⁱ

- PROVIDE NOTICE: Requirements for parental and public notices
- PREVENT: Required practices to prevent the virus from entering the school
- RESPOND: Required practices to respond to a lab-confirmed case in the school

- **MITIGATE:** Recommended and required practices to reduce likely spread inside the school

The prevention and mitigation practices outlined in this document are designed to significantly reduce the likelihood that a coronavirus outbreak occurs on campus. Some practices are required for all school systems, some are required in areas with high levels of community spread, and some are recommendations. Consistently implementing recommendations to the extent feasible is the best way to reduce the potential negative impact of infection on students' educational experiences.

Additionally, systems should consider stringently applying recommended practices to adults on campuses, even when it might not be feasible to do so for students, to more fully protect adult teachers and staff who are generally at greater risk from COVID-19 than students.

There will almost certainly be situations that necessitate temporary school closure due to positive COVID-19 cases in schools. Parents, educators, and school administrators should be prepared for this in the event that it occurs, while actively working to prevent it through prevention and mitigation practices.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following question:

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Parents must ensure they do not send their child to school on campus if the child is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms (as listed above) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19. Parents/Guardians should contact the school nurse and should opt to receive remote instruction until the criteria for re-entry are met.
- In addition, if the student has had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, they must remain off campus for 14 days.
- Parents should opt to have their child receive remote instruction if their child has had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 until the 14 day incubation period has passed. "Close contact" is defined later in this document.

DAILY CLEANING

- Each classroom will be disinfected daily.

- All high-touch areas and restrooms will be disinfected multiple times per day.
- Disinfectant and paper towels will be provided in each classroom and common areas to maximize room-to-room cleanliness.
- IF computers, accessories, touchscreen devices and electronics are shared, those locations will be frequently cleaned and disinfected.
- Cleaning supplies will be accessible to staff, but will be stored safely away from students.

ARRIVAL

- Students will arrive by walk-up, car drop-off, or school bus.
- All students and staff may only enter through designated doors on campus.
- All students will use hand sanitizer when entering the building. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers will be available at the main entrance to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Students will report to their homeroom or first period class. All campuses, students will not be eating breakfast in the cafeteria.
- Parents need to remain in their vehicles.
- For at least the first 6 weeks of school, parent/guardians/older siblings, etc. will not be permitted to walk students inside the school building.

DISMISSAL

- Campuses will designate staggered dismissal groups. Staggering the groups of walkers, car riders, bus riders or grade levels will help manage student movement in the building and decrease the risk of potential crowding outside at dismissal time.
- Sanitizer stations will be placed at each exit and students will be encouraged to sanitize hands prior to exit.
- For the first 6 weeks of school, parents/guardians must remain in their vehicles at dismissal time to assist the school with social distancing.

STUDENT PICK-UP DURING SCHOOL HOURS

- Parents picking up students during the day must wear a face covering when entering the building, will be screened, show identification to campus staff, and then wait for their child in the foyer.

MASKS/FACE COVERING

- Presidio ISD will require all students, PreK and older, and all staff to wear face coverings on school buses and in school buildings.
- Students may provide their own personal face covering but PISD will have some for students who do not bring one to school.
- Masks include nonmedical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings, and neck gaiters (over the nose and mouth).
- Students' individual needs that might limit the use of a face covering will be addressed on a case by case basis. Requests for this accommodation should be submitted to the campus principal. Face coverings must comply with student dress code expectations.

CLASSROOMS

- Teachers will monitor students throughout the day and refer to the nurse if symptoms related to

COVID-19 are present.

- Each classroom will be outfitted with the following:
- Visual reminders of distancing requirements, the importance of hand washing, and how to contain the spread of germs by coughing and sneezing.
- Refillable alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Access to disinfectant spray and paper towels to sanitize working surfaces
- Teachers will:
 1. Proactively teach the appropriate manner of handwashing.
 2. Increase the space between desks and utilize every square inch of available space to create distance between students.
 3. Remove optional furniture and minimize teacher space to create more space for social distancing.
 4. Establish student responsibilities to clean up personal areas and material/supplies with hand sanitizer, disinfectant, and other self-cleaning protocols.
 5. Incorporate outdoor teaching when appropriate.
 6. Keep classroom doors during passing periods open to reduce the touching of door handles.
 7. Limit group work when possible.
 8. Limit handouts when appropriate.
 9. Plan instruction that is quickly and easily transferable from in person to remote instruction.
 10. Campuses will make every effort to make sure students wash their hands before they eat.
 11. Teachers and staff will have access to disinfectant to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects regularly.
 12. Teachers and staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible; supplies will be sanitized between uses.
 13. To the extent possible, teachers and staff will limit the number of items that travel to and from school with the student.

PASSING PERIODS AND TRANSITIONS

- Teachers will transition most of the time. Staggered release from each class may be organized to limit the number of teachers/teachers in the hallway during transitions.
- When transitioning between classes, students will travel corridors as far to the right as possible. “Stay Right, Stay Safe”
- Traffic patterns will be established throughout the campus that separate individuals to the greatest extent possible.
- When possible, exterior doors will be open to maximize air flow.
- When possible, one-way traffic throughout the campus corridors may be established.
- Classroom doors will be propped open during passing periods to reduce high-touch areas.
- Visual markers will be developed to help students maintain physical distance and adhere to established campus traffic flows in hallways.
- Access to hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the campus

RESTROOM ACCESS

- Staff and students must wash hands with soap and water prior to exiting the restroom.
- Bathrooms will include visuals indicating proper handwashing techniques and social distancing will be displayed to consistently reinforce this practice.

FACILITY PREPARATION

- Entry points for students, staff, visitors and deliveries will be controlled and minimized.
- Reception, lobby areas, gathering places, and common spaces will be reconfigured for social distancing.
- Campuses will limit in-building meetings.
- No large group, in person assemblies.

WATER

- Students may bring water bottles from home.
- Students may fill their water bottles at school
- Water fountains will be transitioned to water fill stations on all campuses with all due diligence.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Campuses will determine student meal arrangements that allow for social distancing while eating. Schools could utilize cafeteria and classrooms for the purposes of breakfast and lunch.

- Students will report to their homeroom, designated area, or if in the cafeteria, will maintain social distancing.
- As best available, meals will be packaged to ensure ease of pick up and transport to eating locations.
- Signage and staff will reinforce social distancing and traffic patterns in the cafeteria.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at entrances and exits of the cafeteria.
- Every campus will devise lunch schedules and formats, which may include outside areas, that allow students to safely be apart from each other.
- For at least 6 weeks, parents will not be allowed to come onto campus to eat lunch with their child.
- For at least 6 weeks, outside food deliveries from parents will not be permitted including food for any classroom celebrations.

RECESS (WHEN CAMPUS WILL PERMIT)

- Playground equipment will be sanitized during the day.
- Schedules and routines will be established that teach children to maintain safe distances from each other. These schedules will also minimize student contact on playground equipment while maximizing access to playground equipment.
- Children will sanitize their hands at the beginning and the end of recess.

VISITORS

- Visitors (including mentors and reading buddies) will be restricted for at least the first 6 weeks of school.
- All visitors will be screened, including temperature taken, to determine if the visitor has COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and if so, must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry.
- Additionally, visitors will be screened to determine if visitors have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until the 14-day incubation period has passed.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Until further notice, in-person events which have historically been attended by parents or community are suspended.
- Campuses will be working to provide alternate options that will facilitate participation by stakeholders.

PARENT MEETINGS

- ARD, 504, LPAC, TEACHER CONFERENCES, will be held in person or virtually.
- Masks will be required for any parent meeting that is unable to be held virtually.
- All visitors for parent meetings will be screened, including temperature taken, to determine if the visitor has COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and if so, must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry.
- Additionally, visitors will be screened to determine if visitors have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until the 14-day incubation period has passed.
- Campus personnel will work to reschedule meetings with visitors for parent meetings who fail the screening process.

NURSE CLINIC

- Students and staff visiting the nurse's clinic to be evaluated will be mandated to wear a face mask covering before entering.
- Nurse clinic will have an area where students who become ill can be isolated from well students.
- Nurse clinic will have a designated area in which students can arrive to receive their medication.

LIBRARIES

- To be announced

TRANSPORTATION

- Parents will be encouraged to use personal transportation, if possible.
- Parents will screen children daily before allowing them to board the bus.
- Students should practice social distancing, whenever possible (if there is adequate space and it is safe to do so) while waiting for and approaching the school bus.
- Students should NOT share foods, drinks or personal devices.
- Students and staff must wear masks while on the bus.
- Students will use hand sanitizer when entering the bus.
- Each school bus will have tissues available for students who cough or sneeze, with a trash disposal station readily available.
- When possible, our busses will open windows to utilize outside air.
- Buses will be thoroughly cleaned after each bus trip, focusing on high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles.

EXTRA CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS

****Presidio ISD Board of Trustees passed a Resolution on August 1, 2020, Exclusion from Extracurricular Activities and Elective Courses:** A student who is voluntarily participating in an all-remote instructional method, whether synchronous or asynchronous, shall not be permitted to participate in any extra-curricular activity, practice, or performance for the grading period in which the student is receiving all-remote instruction or any elective course open only to students participating in a particular UIL activity; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a student who is otherwise voluntarily receiving all-remote instruction shall not be allowed to participate in the following courses unless the student comes to the campus to receive the instruction in the course: Introduction to Welding; Advanced Welding; Electrical Tech; Manufacturing Engineering; Sci Research and Design 1 and 2 (Rocketry); Education & Training Practicum; Journalism and Yearbook; Culinary Arts and Advanced Culinary; and band/music classes as to those students desiring to compete for All Region honors in concert band, jazz band, or solo or ensemble competition.

- All extracurricular and athletic events will follow participation guidelines set by the UIL (University Interscholastic League).
- Athletic practices and contests will be conducted following safety protocols provided by guidance from Presidio ISD, UIL, and TEA. This includes COVID screening, group sizes, sharing and sanitizing of equipment, locker room usage, etc.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be in gym facilities and equipment will be sanitized on a regular basis.
- Locker room usage will be determined by TEA/UIL. If locker rooms can be accessed, all locker room space will be utilized to follow social distancing guidelines.
- Bus travel will follow the transportation guidelines provided by Presidio ISD and TEA.
- Spectator attendance at games and contests may be limited based on TEA and UIL guidelines.
- Post-game sign-out procedures for athletes will be communicated to parents prior to the beginning of each season.
- Event procedures will be in place to minimize face-to-face interactions.
- Separating entrances and exits may be utilized and event doors may be propped open to minimize physical contact with handles.
- Spectator seating may be marked and/or configured in a way to enforce social distancing.
- Concessions and/or concession sales may be limited to encourage social distancing and to follow health and safety guidelines.
- Meetings will be held virtually or in person.
- Additional athletic protocols will be created and communicated by athletic staff that will address the unique needs of each sports area/facility.

FINE ARTS

- Spectator attendance at performances may be limited based on TEA and UIL guidelines.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be in fine arts facilities and equipment will be sanitized on a regular basis.
- Additional fine arts protocols will be created and communicated by program directors that will address the unique needs of each fine arts area/facility.

STUDENTS/STAFF DISPLAYING COVID 19 SYMPTOMS

- Teachers will monitor students throughout the day and refer to the nurse if symptoms are present.
- When a student has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home.
- For any student who has a fever at or above 100.0, the student will be required to go home for **at least 36 hours**.
- Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than one hour from the time that campus contacted the student's parent/guardian.
- Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow district protocols including isolation from students and other staff members.

The decision about how to respond in a particular case will depend on the number of individuals with whom the infected individual had close contact and the next steps that the school must take in coordination with public health entities. The response is based in the scientific understanding of how the virus spreads, is coordinated with the local public health entities, and is communicated transparently with relevant parties.

The school nurse is the contact for if a student has symptoms of COVID-19. The school nurse will remain in contact with the family to determine the return to school date. Students who have symptoms of COVID-19 may be placed on remote instruction until they are cleared to attend school in person.

CONTACT WITH COVID 19 INFECTED PERSON

- Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, Presidio ISD will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on campus activities.
- For a confirmed COVID-19 positive test, the classroom will undergo a deep clean that may require the students to be moved to an alternate location on campus for a period of time.
- Students or staff who come in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days (or the number of days CDC requires if changed) and may not return to campus during that time.
- Close contact will be determined by the Presidio County Local Health Authority.

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INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED WITH COVID-19

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- For a confirmed COVID-19 positive test, the classroom will undergo a deep clean that may require the students to be moved to an alternate location on campus for a period of time.
- Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of good health from a physician's office prior to returning to school.

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

Any individuals who **themselves** either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re- entry have been met:

- In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID- 19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - i. at least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - ii. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - iii. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID- 19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) obtain an acute infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19.

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The school nurse is the contact for determining if a student has a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19. The school nurse will remain in contact with the family to determine the return to school date. Students who Are lab- confirmed COVID-19 may be placed on remote instruction until they are cleared to attend school in person.

CLOSE CONTACT

Close contact is determined by the local health authority, is fact dependent, and therefore assessed on a case-by-case basis. What has been consistent is that close contact occurs when:

- A person with/presumed COVID-19 positive interacts with another person and a face covering is not worn
- A person with/presumed COVID-19 positive resides with another person
Social distancing is not maintained for a period of time

CRITERIA FOR RE-ENTRY

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DECISION POINTS ON WHEN TO CLOSE A CLASSROOM OR BUILDING

If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID- 19, the District will consult with the county health authority in determining when to close a classroom or building.

STAFF TRAINING

School teachers and staff will be trained specifically on the protocols outlined in this document and the practices adopted by their campus.

Topics for staff training will include, but are not limited to:

- Campus COVID procedures
- Cleaning Protocols
- Safety precautions/protocols
- Tracking location and groupings of students each day
- Symptoms of COVID and how to respond
- Proper handwashing, coughing, and sneezing
- How to correctly wear a mask
- Redirection of mask noncompliance
- Social distancing
- Rotation strategies
- Strategies and activities for teaching outside
- Model classroom
- Technology training on how to teach in person and remote at same time

SIGNAGE

Visuals and signs located throughout the campuses will include, but are not limited to:

- Reminders to self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19
- Reminders to maintain social distancing
- Reminders to wash hands
- Reminders how to cough, sneeze, etc

****Due to daily changes, this document will be updated AS NEEDED