



PREMONT Independent School District

2021-2022 COVID-19 Back to School Guidelines*

We are excited to welcome everyone back for the 2021-2022 school year! All instruction will take place in-person at our schools; however, there will be an opportunity for families of children in grades 1-6 to petition the District COVID Remote Instruction Committee for participation in remote instruction in the content areas of ELAR and math. The Virtual Academy will include both asynchronous and synchronous instruction.

*Premont ISD's COVID 19 Back to School Guidelines are subject to change as a result of updated guidance from TEA, CDC, our local health department, or the district legal counsel.

FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings will not be required for staff, students, or visitors. An individual may choose to wear a mask if desired.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to recommend that individuals two and older who are not fully vaccinated to wear masks indoors.

VACCINATIONS

Per Governor Abbott's executive order, school districts may not require students or staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The state of Texas has not added the COVID-19 vaccination to the required immunization list for students. School districts cannot require students or staff to report vaccination status.

COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES /REPORTING/TRACKING

As partners working together to maintain a healthy school environment, we ask parents and employees to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the school district. Parents should report positive cases to the school nurse; employees should report to their immediate supervisor. Parents should not send students to school who have tested positive or who are symptomatic. Upon notification of a positive COVID 19 PCR or Rapid test, 1) a notification will be sent out to the entire school campus (staff and parents) and 2) contact tracing will begin as soon as possible. For specific procedures, reference the "General COVID Response Protocol for School Districts" flowchart that is provided by the districts legal counsel. Upon parent request and consent, the district may provide a rapid COVID 19 test for any student or staff member who is exhibiting symptoms or who have been identified as having had close contact exposure.

ABSENCES

If a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID-19, the school/teacher will provide makeup work in a similar manner as for students absent for other reasons. In addition, a student will have up to 20 days of remote conferencing if they are positive or need to quarantine due to close contact exposure. Documentation must be provided.

Employees will have to use personal leave while they are isolating.

VISITORS & MEETINGS

For the first nine weeks of the school year, Premont ISD will limit visitors to the campus. Only visitors with official school business will be allowed on campus and will need to schedule their visit with campus staff. Volunteers are welcome on campus; however volunteers will not be allowed to access classrooms or settings where students are present.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

As Premont ISD prepares for all students to return to school, we will continue to maintain the 3 feet of social distance in the instructional environment. Desk shields will not be mandatory; however, students and staff will have the option of requesting a desk shield assigned to them.

CAFETERIA

Premont ISD will open up cafeterias to all grade levels for students to eat breakfast and lunch. The campus principal has the authority to change the cafeteria guidelines at their discretion. For the first nine weeks of school, parents will not be allowed to eat lunch with their child(ren). In addition, campuses will not be accepting deliveries such as food, gifts, etc.

TRANSPORTATION

Seating will be socially distanced when possible and siblings/students from the same household are encouraged to sit together. Bus windows may be opened during transport to allow fresh air circulation. Masks/Face coverings are highly recommended while on the bus.

UIL and Extracurricular Events

Athletic and extracurricular events (i.e. marching band, NJROTC, FFA) will resume normal processes and competition for the 2021-2022 school year. These activities will follow guidelines set forth by UIL, TEA and other organizations who establish safety standards for these programs.

FIELD TRIPS

Premont ISD instructional field trips will continue to be implemented as virtual experiences or outreach programs, where the presenter comes to the campus to engage students.

INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

Premont ISD is ready to receive all students for the 2021-2022 school year. A limited number of students in First through sixth grade will be permitted to participate in remote learning based on parent application and approval by the COVID Remote Instructional Committee. Premont ISD has taken and will continue to take actions to ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs due to unfinished learning and their social, emotional, and mental health needs.