We are excited to welcome everyone back into our buildings. At this time, no remote learning options will be offered and face coverings will be optional, regardless of vaccination status. Currently, per Gov. Greg Abbott’s executive order, Sinton ISD cannot legally require masks and the State will not fund a remote learning option.

We will continue to monitor and reassess as conditions dictate. The District may need to change protocols at any time to address specific needs and circumstances in order to protect the health and safety of students, employees and the community. The following guidelines are in accordance with direction from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the State of Texas.

**Face Coverings**  
Face coverings will not be required for staff, students or visitors. An individual may choose to wear a mask if desired and additional masks will be available. Campuses will work to ensure no student is treated differently as a result of the choice to wear a mask or not wear a mask.

**Vaccinations**  
Per Gov. Abbott's order, Sinton ISD cannot require students or staff to get vaccinated. At this time, the State of Texas has not added the COVID-19 vaccination to the required immunization list for students. Sinton ISD cannot require students or staff to report vaccination status.

**COVID-19 Reporting/Tracking**  
As partners working together to maintain a healthy school environment, we ask parents and employees to report confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 to the school district. Parents should report positive cases to the school nurse; employees should report to HR. At this time, the District will send an update text through our School Reach system. Staff will not conduct close contact reviews. Students and staff will not be required to quarantine for exposure. The District is still required, however, to report positive cases to San Patricio County Public Health.

**COVID-19 Positive Cases**  
If a student has a confirmed case of COVID, please contact the school nurse. Please refrain from sending symptomatic or sick students to school. If staff have a confirmed case of COVID, please contact Human Resources. Staff should not report to work if they are sick or symptomatic.

Per the TEA, those who test positive for COVID must isolate for 5 days from the date of the positive test. They may return after 5 days if they are symptom free.

Sinton ISD school nurses will continue to send students home who have a fever, diarrhea, are vomiting, lose sense of taste or smell, or display significant symptoms of illness.
Absences
If a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID, the school/teacher will implement the following:

- The teacher will work with the student and parent to provide make-up work to the student, understanding there is not a remote instruction option available
- Teachers will utilize the appropriate LMS (Seesaw or Google Classroom) to provide students with work to be completed
- The student will submit make-up work as noted in the student handbook (one school day per day of absence) after returning to school
- Chromebooks or iPads are available for checkout to isolating elementary students

Employees must use personal leave time or comp time while they are isolating.

COVID-19 Testing
At this time, the District will continue offering COVID-19 testing as long as supplies are available.

Visitors & Meetings
Visitors will be allowed on campus for meetings and conferences only. Lunch will still be restricted to students only in order to limit the number of people in our facility and unintentional exposure.

Cleaning/Sanitation Protocols
Frequent cleaning and disinfection will support a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff. Sinton ISD will continue with cleaning and sanitization protocols in its buildings and campuses. Sanitization stations (Including disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer) will remain throughout all buildings. The District has Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available for students or staff upon request.

Extra- and Co-Curricular Activities
All extra- and co-curricular activities will resume with no capacity or participation restrictions. Students and spectators will not be required to wear face coverings.

Resources & Support
As we transition to a less restrictive learning environment with 100% capacities in our schools, Sinton ISD is committed to supporting our students and staff in their learning and working environments.

For social-emotional support, please contact your school counselor.

If a student has a health-related issue, please contact the school nurse. Employees should contact HR.

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