

Paducah ISD



Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (RIPICS)

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These are the return-to-campus protocols for Paducah ISD campuses and administration buildings. The district will review this plan every six months and, as appropriate, revise it. The district will seek public comment on protocols and incorporate such input into plan revision while taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools. If deemed necessary, the plan can be translated to Spanish or another language and can be provided in an alternative, accessible format to a parent with a disability upon their request. Since this is an ever-changing situation, 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. Please note, health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. As a result, Paducah ISD will continue to consult available guidance through governmental agencies and other information deemed relevant to monitor the situation. The district will comply with applicable federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address individual needs.

ON CAMPUS FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION

Campus screening protocols

All district faculty and staff will complete a self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms each day before entering any school facility. The district may require further screening of employees at any time based on current state and federal guidelines. Employees exhibiting symptoms will be separated from others and sent home.

Employees must ask themselves if they have experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting

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Parents and guardians will be required to screen their children for COVID-19 symptoms, including a temperature check, each day prior to sending them to school. If the student presents any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, (i.e. shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, new loss of taste or smell), they should not come to school. Upon arrival to school, personnel will take each student's temperature as well. Students with a temperature reading higher than 100.2 degrees will be required to put on a face mask and will be immediately taken to a designated area. Parents or guardians will be required to promptly pick up any student with a temperature of 100.2 degrees or other COVID-19 symptoms.

Paducah ISD will provide training and professional development for staff on sanitation and mitigating the spread of infectious disease.

Elementary

In the morning, students will report to their class upon arrival between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m. *unless* they are eating breakfast. Students eating breakfast will enter the cafeteria, get their breakfast, and then be seated. Students will be seated leaving a space in between to maintain social distancing. Students who arrive earlier than 7:30 a.m. will be seated in the cafeteria with a space in between to maintain social distancing.

Secondary

Students who eat breakfast will go to the cafeteria. At 7:40 a.m. all students will go to their 1st period class to avoid students gathering in common areas.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

Classroom protocols and procedures will include expectations for not sharing school supplies to the fullest extent possible, proper distancing, limited large group work, and hand washing or sanitizing upon each entrance, etc. Teachers will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces as well as shared objects in between classes. Thorough handwashing technique will be taught.

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Elementary

Whenever possible, students and staff will maintain consistent groupings of people to minimize the spread of the virus. Students will be grouped with their class (lunch, recess, gym, music/art, and computer lab) and then within their class they will be grouped with three other students.

In classrooms where students are regularly within three to six feet of one another, teachers will plan for more frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing.

Secondary

Class size will depend on the number of students enrolled in each course. Desks or tables will be socially distanced as much as instructionally possible.

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CAFETERIA

Elementary

Based on building capacity and student enrollment, campus administration will determine areas that may be utilized for lunch. These areas could include the lunchroom, gym, the library, or other large areas within the school building.

Support staff and administrators will monitor the cafeteria and hallways to promote proper distancing practices. Students will have meals in the cafeteria. Cafeteria capacity will be based on current guidelines. Physical distance will be provided with an empty seat in between each student. Posted signage and staff will reinforce proper distancing and traffic patterns in the cafeteria. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at entrances and exits to the cafeteria.

All students are expected to wash hands or use hand sanitizer prior to entering the cafeteria. Students obviously are not required to wear masks while eating or drinking, etc.

Secondary

Students eating in the cafeteria will be required to sanitize or wash their hands before entering. The schedule will include separate lunch periods for PK-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, and high school. Students eating in the cafeteria will be socially distanced. Secondary students will still have the option of open campus during lunch time.

FACE COVERINGS

Paducah ISD will take into consideration the guidance provided by the county and state and will follow any executive orders. Administration will notify parents if the decision is made for students in grades 4th and up to wear masks. However, students and teachers may choose to wear face coverings when not required.

TRANSITIONS

Student movement will be staggered to limit the number of people in various areas during transitions. Traffic patterns will be established to separate individuals to the greatest extent possible.

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VISITORS TO CAMPUS

Campus visitors will be limited. Visitors will be expected to complete the required health screening of having their temperatures checked upon entry. Visitors who are screened and proceed beyond the reception area will follow specific guidelines for visitors.

Any visitors wishing to have lunch with a student must have prior approval from the campus principal at least one day in advance.

WATER FOUNTAIN USAGE

In order to mitigate the use of water fountains, students are expected to bring their own reusable water bottle for use throughout the day and are expected to take water bottles home to be cleaned on a daily basis.

Parents are asked to secure a reusable water bottle for their child to bring to school daily. Parents are asked to assist students, as needed, to clean water bottles daily.

Teachers and staff will demonstrate how students should fill water bottles instead of drinking directly from the water fountains. Teachers will ensure that students take water bottles home to be cleaned each day.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

PE/Recess/Playground

Administrators will provide training for staff on guidelines and procedures associated with outdoor play and student activities. Administrators will develop a schedule for students to access the playground equipment. Teachers will monitor students to ensure safety guidelines are followed. Campuses may consider limiting the number of students per recess group. Staggered schedules and consistent cohorts may be utilized.

Whenever possible, physical education classes will be held outside to allow for maximum physical distance between students. PE equipment will be disinfected and wiped down after each use. Visual markers on the gym floor will serve as reminders

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of proper distancing rules. Students should avoid touching their face at all times, but especially while playing games. Access to handwashing will be provided during PE.

Secondary

Middle school PE, athletics, and band will be separated by grade level. Further guidelines for extracurriculars will be provided by coaches and sponsors.

GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR PLAY

Students may wear masks during an outdoor activity. Students should maintain proper distancing while lining up to return to class and sanitize or wash hands before re-entering.

All students and staff are expected to wash their hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before entering the playground and upon exiting the playground.

MUSIC

Appropriate distancing measures will be followed. Music equipment will be sanitized after each use.

Students will use their own supplies and avoid sharing equipment as much as possible. Workstations will be sanitized between each use. Equipment will be sanitized after each use.

LIBRARY

Visual reminders will be added, and furniture rearranged to help students maintain proper distancing while in the library. Students and staff will wash/sanitize hands upon entering and after visiting the library.

Google Classroom for learning

Paducah ISD will offer Google Classroom for lost instructional time during the 2022-2023 school year and beyond if needed. Google Classroom will allow students to finish assignments and learn due to being absent from class for being actively sick with Covid-19 or being quarantined due to Covid-19.

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CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

Paducah ISD has developed the following procedures which will help ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address student's academic needs and students and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs, which may include student health and food services.

Academic Needs

- Google Classroom– Allows us to bring a quality education experience to all our families and provide them a way for students to make up classroom work due to isolation and/or a stay at home period related to Covid-19.
- Remote Conferencing via zoom or google meet– Paducah ISD offers Remote Conferencing as a mechanism by which remote instruction can be provided to students. Students who qualify include:
 - Students who are unable to attend school because of a temporary medical condition or
 - Students who have a positive test result for a communicable condition listed in 25 TAC §97.7 or
 - The student has been identified as having been in close contact with COVID-19.
- Food Services – Currently serving meals in the cafeteria while following social distancing practices.
 - From March 2020 – June 2021 curbside meals were provided. Approximately 133,000 breakfast meals and 144,000 lunch meals were distributed.

Students and staff

- Social/Emotional/Mental Health
 - Social Emotional support is provided by Student Services through the Rhithm Program. 10 total hours of guidance and support sessions are provided.

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- Social workers and Psychologist are available to the campuses and provide Social Emotional Learning presentations based on the campus areas of need. A platform called Rhithm provided through a mental health grant via Texas Tech University (TCHAT-- Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine
- Social services are provided to our districts students and families as needed through our Student Services department.
- Other Needs/Academics
 - Administration and School Counselor monitor attendance, grades and behaviors and address any ongoing issues.

Maintain the Health and Safety of Students, Educators, Other School and LEA Staff

- Face Masks recommended (but not required) at all district facilities as per CDC guidelines.
- We are still following the recommendation from the County health authority and newest TEA Health Guidance to continue with 5-day isolation for anyone who tests positive for COVID-19.
- Encouraging social distancing in all district facilities
- Temperature Check and & Health Screenings for all students and staff
- Hand Sanitizer stations placed throughout all district facilities
- EPA disinfectants that are approved for use against COVID-19 are used to

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thoroughly clean and disinfect all classrooms, cafeterias, gyms, auditoriums, restrooms and all additional areas in schools and district facilities throughout the day.

- Electrostatic gun used to fog offices, classrooms, hallways and doors wait 30-45 minutes and then wipe down all student desks, office furniture.
- Students, parents, and staff are notified of a positive COVID-19 case at a campus. Individuals believed to have been in close contact will also be identified and notified by the Health Services Dept.
- Contactless Water Dispensers – Used to help minimize the risk of individuals drinking from the same water fountain. Students and staff are asked to bring their own reusable water bottles.

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PADUCAH ISD COVID-19 STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

Prevention

(No confirmed cases of COVID-19 among staff or students)

Procedures/Activities:

- Health prevention measures are in place.
- Daily intensive cleaning and frequent cleaning of common areas.
- Limited visitor access.
- Monitoring virus trends in the community via health departments.

If these conditions are present, Paducah ISD would use a regular Monday-Thursday schedule for all students.

The district will ensure inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrades to improve air quality in school facilities, including:

- Mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems;
- Filtering purification and other cleaning, fans, control systems; and
- Window and door repair and replacement.

Mitigation

(One or more confirmed active case(s) of COVID-19 at one facility)

Procedures/Activities:

- Persons who came within close contact of an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be personally contacted by district personnel and advised to self-quarantine per CDC and TEA Guidelines.
- Affected area is closed for deep cleaning.
- Self-health monitoring, prevention information, and “stay-home-if-ill” communication to all persons at the school or facility. Affected area is closed for deep cleaning.

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- If these conditions are present, we would use a regular M, T, W, TH, schedule for all students. Large group and/or "high-risk" activities will continue to be restricted as needed.

Modified Operations

(Three or more confirmed active COVID-19 cases in one specific area)

Procedures/Activities:

- Students and staff of that area will be advised to self-quarantine per CDC and TEA guidelines.
- Affected area is closed for deep cleaning.
- Self-health monitoring, prevention information, and "stay-home-if-ill" reminders sent to all persons at the school or facility.

If these conditions are present, we would use a regular Monday-Friday schedule for all students in addition to remote learning for those families that choose so. Large group and/or "high risk" activities will continue to be restricted as needed.

Facility Closure

(Active COVID-19 cases exceed 10 or more in one facility)

Procedures/Activities:

- If these conditions are present, we would use a regular M, T, W, TH, schedule for all students. Large group and/or "high-risk" activities will continue to be restricted as needed.
- Those in close contact of the confirmed COVID-19 positive persons will be asked to self-quarantine for per CDC and TEA guidelines.
- District-wide communication to staff/parents with health monitoring guidance.

If those conditions are present, we will move to an alternating day schedule. Students in grades Pre-K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 will go to school Monday and Thursday. Students in grades K, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 will go to school Tuesday and Friday. There will be remote

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learning for all grade levels on days not attending school in-person. On Wednesdays, the campus will be closed for deep cleaning. Social distancing protocols will be closely monitored, and "high-risk" activities may be restricted or prohibited.

District Closure

(Active COVID-19 cases exceed 20% of occupancy in any facility)

- All Paducah ISD facilities close for a minimum of 4 days.
- Disinfection of all facilities and school buses.
- All auxiliary areas such as playgrounds and athletic fields are closed. Extracurricular activities are cancelled.

If those conditions are present, instruction ceases until threat level improves. Some small-group instruction may be allowed with strict social distancing protocols in place.

In the event that the number of cases in Cottle County increase past a certain threshold deemed unsafe, the district will plan for, coordinate, and implement activities for a long-term closure, including if permissible by TEA and FDA

- Providing meals to students;
- Providing technology for online learning to all students; and
- Ensuring educational services meet all federal, state, and local requirements.

Lost instructional time will be made up during the summer of 2023.

**Re-entry plan must be posted on district website within 30 days of receiving ESSER III Notice of Grant Award. School must include its website address in ESSER III Application.*