

Everman ISD Safe Return To School 2021-2022



Please note:

This document is fluid and is subject to change in accordance to the CDC, TEA, Tarrant County, and state guidelines

Everman ISD COVID-19 Protocols

This pandemic continues to present challenges to our communities and the schools they serve. The safe return to school plan is a set of operational expectations guiding Everman ISD in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

As we enter the 2021-2022 school year, this plan provides a framework for district operations across areas while creating the safest learning environments. Additionally, this plan is based on insight from the Texas Department of Health, Texas Education Agency, Tarrant County, the American Association of Pediatrics, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It will be through these partnerships we will best support our students and staff as we navigate a safe 2021-2022 school year. While EISD acknowledges no plan can eliminate the risk posed by the coronavirus, we are aligning our expectations to all current reopening guidelines provided to date by state and federal leaders.



At the center are four guiding principles:

1. The safety of students, staff, and families must take priority.
2. We will continue to review all guidance from the TEA, Tarrant County, and the CDC.
3. Our district must provide students with opportunities to minimize the impact of lost instructional time, including remediation.
4. Schools must be prepared to transition to 100 percent virtual instruction if needed.

Following these guiding principles, all stakeholders must work together to ensure our children are provided with essential education support to continue to prepare them for their best future. It also is our commitment to provide our teachers and families with information on steps that can be taken to promote good personal hygiene and support scholar learning. As communities continue to learn more information about the virus and steps which can mitigate its risk, Everman ISD administration will provide updates to the community and incorporate those updates into this plan. We anticipate additional guidance, best practices, and other information may be provided during the school year.

COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols at a Glance

Although many COVID-19 protocols have been lifted based on the Governor’s orders, Everman ISD is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all teachers and students. We will continue to update this document with the latest information from CDC, Tarrant County, and TEA. We ask that all parents and community members stress the importance of hand-washing and other safety measures.

Face Coverings

- Everman ISD strongly recommends that all students, parents, employees, and visitors, wear a facemask since we are still in the midst of the pandemic and COVID cases are surging.

Vaccinations

- Echoing public health authorities as COVID cases are again rising and COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths are now almost entirely among unvaccinated people, EISD is again encourages all eligible students and staff to get vaccinated. Vaccination protects not just the person being vaccinated, but can also help protect people who cannot become vaccinated including our students under the age of 12.
- Vaccination opportunities will be communicated as scheduled.

Quarantines

- Vaccinated individuals who are deemed close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case will not be required to quarantine per CDC guidelines

If an individual test positive:

- Quarantine for 10 days
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 - Symptoms improved or are not present "
- Option for remote conferencing
 - 20 day per year are allowed
- Notification to Parents/Staff/Community

If an individual is identified as close contact:

- (Student)Parent Choice to quarantine for 10 days
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 - Symptoms Improved or are not present
- Option for remote conferencing
 - Only 20 day per year are allowed
- Notification to Parents/Staff
- Individuals who choose to not quarantine will be tested for 4 days upon arrival to school with permission.

Remote Conferencing

- Instruction must be provided synchronously, which means two-way, real-time/live virtual instruction between teachers and students.
- These two requirements must be met:
 - The student is unable to attend school because of a temporary medical condition.
 - The total amount of remote conferencing instruction does not exceed more than 20 instructional days over the entirety of the school year.
- In addition, one of the following requirements also must be met:
 - The student's temporary medical condition is documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States. The documentation must include a statement from the physician that the student is to remain confined to their home or to a hospital.
 - The student has a positive test result for a communicable condition listed in 25 TAC §97.7.
 - The student has been identified as having been in close contact with COVID-19.

Instructional Models

- In-person instruction will be provided to all students five days a week.



Transportation

- The Everman ISD transportation department will follow guidance from CDC and TEA to the extent possible.
- Deep cleaning of the bus will occur each day with a special disinfectant.
- Students should not share food, drinks, or personal devices on the bus.
- Students are expected to follow all bus safety rules and regulations.
- We strongly encourage students to wear face mask while on the bus.

Mental Health Services

- A top-rated social emotional learning (SEL) platform will be in place for all scholars in prekindergarten- twelfth grade.
- Mental health services will continue to be available for any student in need.
 - Resources can be found by speaking with your campus counselor

Visitors

- The district will continue to limit visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as much as possible.

Field Trips

- Field trips will resume in 2021-2022.

Athletics /Fine Arts /Activities

- Practices and contests will follow UIL, TEA, and Everman ISD protocols. In-season and off-season activities will follow the most current guidelines available.
- Coaches will provide an orientation of protocols and expectations for scholars at the beginning of their respective season(s).
- Equipment used during practices will be sanitized frequently during practice sessions.
- Attendance at scrimmages and games for spectators will be back to 100% capacity. Spectators will continue to use the online ticket program to purchase seats.
- Parents and students will be expected to provide timely notification of any health concerns to their coach and athletic trainer (if applicable). Communication, quarantine and proper disinfecting will occur in the event of a confirmed covid case.
- Large group practice sessions, sectionals, and rehearsals will adhere to social distancing guidelines provided by an authorized entity (e.g., EISD, TEA, UIL, etc.).
- Off-campus fine arts performances will be conducted based on specific guidance from each entity(e.g., EISD,TEA, UIL, etc.).

Mitigation Efforts

- Everman ISD will continue to encourage good hand hygiene, such as reminding students to wash hands after using the restroom, before meals, etc., and provide access to hand sanitizer stations.
- Individuals are encouraged to self-monitor for any signs of illness including fever, chills, cough, etc.
- Any person with covid symptoms should consult with their primary care physician or district health services before coming into a building.
 - 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
- Students and staff will be subject to periodic health checks, especially if they are feeling ill or suspected of having a fever during the school day
- Each teacher will have a thermometer to check/verify temperatures throughout the day as needed and will immediately send anyone with a 100 or higher temperature to the school health clinic for temperature verification and symptom check by the school nurse.
- Everman ISD will pre-screen and check the temperatures of guests, all contracted workers and essential volunteers before they are allowed entrance in a district facility.
- With permission, students can be administered a rapid test on campus by health services

Disinfection

- Touchpoints (i.e. doorknobs, light switches, etc.) will continue to be disinfected throughout all buildings on a daily basis.
- School buses will continue to be disinfected daily.
- Staff will continue to have access to disinfectant supplies, including disinfecting spray, to clean high-touch areas regularly if desired.



Notifications

- Stakeholder will be made aware of positive COVID-19 positive cases at their students campus as applicable.

Student Attendance

- Students must be approved to quarantine from their doctor or EISD Health Services to receive an excused absence.
- Students with a confirmed close contact with a positive individual in their home will be required to quarantine.
- During the quarantine period, students may not participate in school events including athletics or extracurricular activities.
- If a student is unable to attend school due to illness or quarantine, EISD's policies regarding absences will be followed.
- The minimum attendance for class credit rule of TEC, §25.092, will be in effect for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Students are required to attend at least 90% of their classes (with some exceptions) to receive credit and be promoted.
- Truancy laws will apply to students who fail to attend school.

Food Services

- Everman ISD plans to utilize the school cafeteria for student meals.
 - **NOTE: parents/visitors will not be allowed during lunch.**
- Cafeteria staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Individual account numbers will be scanned as part of the "no-touch" lunch purchase process.
- Seats, tables, door handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected between service periods/ use. Custodial Staff is responsible for cleaning and disinfecting seats, tables, doors. Child Nutrition Staff will sanitize serving lines / serving areas.
- Students and staff are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles.