

China Spring Special Education



COVID-19 Mitigation Summary of Practices for Extended School Year July 2020

WELCOME: We are excited to be able to offer Extended School Year Services (ESY) this summer and to have the opportunity to work with your students. We have made plans for ESY to be held in the campus buildings beginning the week of July 6, 2020, and will have rolling classes in order to more safely and properly address the goals in an intensive setting.

As we move back into the building for the first time since Spring Break, please know that there will be precautions and prevention measures that are put in place by the district as well as those mandated by the Governor. We will update our plans as new orders are received surrounding COVID-19 and reopening the school for student interaction and instruction.

The continued health and safety of our students and staff is our primary concern as we navigate through this process. This letter contains an outline of some key points of prevention and practices that we are putting in place to mitigate COVID-19 spread. It is our commitment to the safety of all to work closely with the local and state governing agencies and health officials to stay abreast of developments and adjust our practices as conditions change or new orders are received.

PREVENTION PRECAUTIONS: As set forth the by the Governor's orders, TEA recommendations, and local consideration, the following preventative measures will be followed for China Spring ISD July 2020 Extended School Year Services. These will remain in effect for the July ESY session or until alternate guidance is mandated.

General Provisions:

- All students must have the COVID-19 Screener questions answered prior to the first day of ESY each week. Parents will need to be available to answer for their student(s).
 - COVID-19 Symptoms for Screening
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

- Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea or Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
- All students will have their temperature screened daily as they arrive at a campus or attempt entry onto the bus.
 - Employees must self-screen using the COVID-19 Screener indicators and monitor temperature daily.
 - Hand sanitizing stations will be located at the entry of each campus and will be required by students and staff as they enter the building. Hand sanitizer bottles will be available in all classrooms.
 - Instruction and supervised practice of proper handwashing techniques will occur minimum of twice per day of ESY instruction.
 - Social Distancing will be maintained at all campuses, in classrooms, and during school transportation.
 - Routine and enhanced sanitization, especially in areas of occupancy, will be maintained throughout the ESY session.
 - Entrance and exit procedures per campus will be established and communicated to minimize exposure with any other campus activities.
 - Masks will be optional due to the nature of the students in the classroom. If you wish to provide a mask for your student to wear, you may do so provided that it is developmentally appropriate for him/her.

Transportation:

- Bus routes will be designated for single-campus transportation when possible.
- Students will have their temperature monitored via non-contact thermometers prior to boarding the bus. Any resulting temperature of 100.0 or higher will be considered as a sign of illness and entry will not be permitted.
- Buses are equipped with hand sanitizers and use is mandatory upon entry.

- Students will sit every-other row, alternating window seats to maintain appropriate social distancing on the bus. Siblings may sit in the same seat.
- Seating will begin at the back of the bus and work forward as additional students are picked up.
- Buses will unload beginning with the front seat and will maintain proper social distancing during the loading/unloading process.
- All buses will be sanitized between routes prior to students re-entering the bus.

RESPONSE MEASURES: As set forth the by the Governor’s orders, TEA recommendations, and local consideration, the following response measures will be taken by China Spring ISD in the event any student, staff, or other individual on campus shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school. These measures will be followed for China Spring ISD July 2020 Extended School Year Services and will remain in effect for the July ESY session or until alternate guidance is mandated.

Response to symptomatic individual:

- Any individual exhibiting symptoms potentially related to COVID-19 while on campus will be immediately isolated until transportation arrives. (Adults will immediately leave campus).
- CSISD maintains at each campus a plan for procedures to be followed in the event an illness develops on site.

Response to confirmed positive COVID-19 case for ESY participant:

- If an individual ESY participant or staff is confirmed positive, CSISD will identify any other individuals who had regular or close contact with the affected participant.
- All participants of the ESY program will receive written notification if a COVID-19 case is identified among participants.
- Any person experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 should self-isolate until the following conditions have been met:
 - In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to the summer school program when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications)
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
 - 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 does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to the summer school program before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- Any student, teacher, or staff member living with someone who experiences any of the symptoms of COVID-19, whether they have a positive COVID-19 test or not, should self-isolate until the above conditions have been met. If they do not experience any COVID-19 symptoms during that period, they can return to summer school. If they experience symptoms, they must self-isolate until the conditions outlined above have been met.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL: In an effort to maintain accurate and timely communication, it is asked that any changes in contact phone numbers be updated with the campus and classroom teacher. The following communication protocols and contact points will be in place for CSISD July ESY until additional guidance/mandates are received.

- The point of contact for any COVID-19 concerns during ESY at each campus will be the campus principal or assistant principal. They may be contacted via the main campus phone number between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.
- Additional concerns may be addressed through the classroom teacher, available by email.
- In the event that concerns remain unaddressed, please contact Lisa Howard, Executive Director of Special Programs at the China Spring Administration Building, 254-836-1115.
- Please note that a confirmed positive case on campus will result in direct communication with anyone who was in constant close contact with the individual; however, privacy protections are in place for students in many circumstances preventing disclosure of identity.
- Classroom teachers will communicate classroom updates weekly, at minimum.

FINAL REMARKS: Thank you all for standing in the gap with us. We are looking forward to seeing your students back in the classrooms! I will do my best to keep you all updated

ahead of any upcoming revisions to the ESY plan. Please note that as developments continue to arise there may be a necessity for an immediate change in plans. In this event, the Special Education Department team will be reaching out to you by phone to make you aware of any immediate changes as they develop.

Thank you for standing in the gap with us this Spring! We have missed our students more than imaginable and we know that their continued growth during this time was due to your commitment and willingness to shoulder the role of the teacher, along with the many other roles you already maintain. Words cannot express my admiration and gratitude to you, the parents and guardians, who have carried the torch with us since Spring Break.

Sincerely,

Lisa Howard
Executive Director of Special Programs
China Spring ISD