

TULOSO-MIDWAY ISD



RETURN-TO-SCHOOL COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

PLEASE NOTE: The details in this document are subject to change as directives are provided by Texas Education Agency (TEA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other governing authorities and/or health officials as environmental conditions change.

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This reopening plan is a fluid document that will be updated as circumstances surrounding COVID-19 change including directives from governing authorities, health officials and the state of the global pandemic. The number one driving force behind decisions regarding the re-opening of our schools is the health, safety and well-being of the students, staff and community of Tuloso-Midway ISD. Our priority has been and will continue to be to provide the highest quality of instruction while keeping our students and staff safe and healthy.

STUDENTS & PARENTS

SCREENING & ISOLATION

Individuals who present with symptoms will be separated and sent home.

Screening Protocols

- Parents/guardians are expected to **screen their student for COVID-19 symptoms** each day prior to sending their student to school.
- **Teachers will monitor** students and refer to the nurse if symptoms are present.
- In screening for **symptoms**, the following will be considered:
 - Feeling feverish or temperature of 100 degrees or greater
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Shortness of breath
 - Headache
 - Chills
 - Sore throat
 - Shaking or exaggerated shivering
 - Significant muscle pain or ache
 - Diarrhea

Isolation Protocols

Student Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms

- When a student has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the **school nurse will provide a nursing assessment** to determine if a student needs to be sent home.
- Students who are ill **will be separated** from their peers and should be **picked up within 30 minutes** and no later than 1 hour from the time the campus contacted the student's parent/guardian.
- Other **students will be removed from the classroom** and taken to an alternate location on campus (e.g. go on a walk outside, move to a different classroom, etc.) while the classroom is being disinfected.
- **Communication will be provided to the parents** of students who were exposed to a COVID-19 positive student or staff member.
- Students who test positive for COVID-19 **may return when all 3 criteria are met:**
 1. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first occurred; **and**
 2. twenty-four hours have passed with no fever; **and**
 3. improved in respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc)
- Students who come into close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual will be asked to **self-quarantine for 14 days and may not return to campus** during that time.
- Students who **test positive for COVID-19 and are ASYMPTOMATIC** will be required to **quarantine for 10 days**, from the day they receive positive test results, **and may not return to campus during that time.**

FACE COVERINGS

TMISD schools are required to comply with the Governor's executive order regarding the wearing of face coverings/masks. In addition to the Governor's executive order, TMISD may require the use of masks or face shields on students for whom it is developmentally appropriate. The District will rely on data from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Nueces County Public Health District Services to determine the disease activity level and the appropriate protective measures. Student individual needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to campus administration.

DISINFECTING & HAND SANITIZING

Hand Washing/Sanitizing Expectations

- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.
- TMISD teachers will provide instruction on appropriate hygiene practices and other mitigation practices adopted by TMISD.
- Hand washing and/or use of TMISD-provided hand sanitizer:
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided upon entry to classrooms
 - Teacher will provide periodic reminders during instructional day
 - Thorough hand washing after recess, before eating, following restroom break
 - Hand sanitizer units have been installed near the entry door of each classroom.
 - “Stop-And-Wash” will be implemented at the elementary grade levels.

VISITORS

- TULOSO-MIDWAY ISD will not allow normal visitation to our campuses including lunch visits, until further notice.

MEALS

- Students will be served breakfast and lunch in the areas that are best suitable for adequate student distancing.
- Active cleaning and disinfecting will be implemented.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

- Buses will have procedures for loading and unloading to promote social distancing and to reduce the potential risk of exposure to possible COVID-19.

BUILDINGS & FACILITIES

CAMPUS CLEANING/DISINFECTING & USE

TMISD will conduct frequent cleaning and disinfecting that will promote a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff.

Daily Campus Cleaning

- Each classroom and restroom will, at a minimum, be disinfected daily.
- All high touch areas will be, at a minimum, disinfected daily.
- Custodians will wear masks during work hours.
- If used, the cafeteria will be disinfected between lunch periods.

Additional Cleaning Measure for Covid-19 Positive Cases on Campus

- If a classroom or facility is closed due to suspicion of COVID-19 exposure, an EPA registered disinfectant which is approved for use on the virus that causes COVID-19, will be used to disinfect.
- Custodial staff will conduct a cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms, restrooms, gyms, locker rooms, weight rooms and all additional areas in the entire building.

Arrival and Dismissal

- **Arrival:** Each campus will have entry procedures in place to promote social distancing for arriving students and staff.
- **Dismissal:** Each campus will have exit procedures in place to decrease the risk of potential crowding inside and outside at dismissal time.
- *Parents must remain outside when dropping off or picking up students.*

Common Areas

Common areas include spaces that are used for meetings and collaboration. This includes computer labs, flexible spaces, campus libraries, conference rooms and other meeting rooms.

- Campuses will develop schedules and protocols for the use of common areas. When needed, students will bring personal supplies from the classroom.
- The use of virtual meetings will be considered when possible.

- In-person meetings will maintain social distancing. Facial coverings will be required during pandemic transmission levels.

Cafeteria and Meal Periods

- Each campus will develop lunch schedules with the safety of students and staff in mind.
- Active cleaning and disinfecting will be implemented.

Restrooms

- Proper hand-washing techniques will be encouraged.
- Active cleaning and disinfecting will be implemented.

CAMPUS EVENTS

- No in-person assemblies will be conducted until further notice.

SCHOOL STAFF & WORK ENVIRONMENTS

Travel Restrictions

TULOSO-MIDWAY ISD will discontinue staff travel to in-person conferences and workshops until further notice unless pre-approved by the Human Resource department and the office of the Superintendent.

Staff Screening and Protocols

To help prevent the spread of COVID 19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our employees, we will be requiring employees to **complete a self-screening and self report if any of the following conditions are present:**

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell

- Diarrhea
- 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 screening information will be kept confidential.

Support for Employees with High-Risk Concerns During COVID-19 Outbreak

- Employees who have severe underlying health conditions may seek additional advice on how to perform their job duties during the pandemic.
- When conversations arise about COVID-19 concerns, employees must contact HR department.

Health Protocol

A staff member who becomes ill on campus/district, will immediately report to the campus **nurse**.

Upon arrival at the nurse's room, the staff member will be isolated.

- The nurse and others attending the suspected infected person, will also wear a protective mask and gloves while working with the suspected infected person.
- The nurse will direct the ill staff member to leave work or call to be picked up and go home.
- The nurse and campus/district supervisor will make all attempts to identify persons who may have come in contact with the suspected infected person. *Unless required by the local health authority, the name of the staff member will not be provided.*
- Staff members will be advised that they may have been in contact with a suspected infected employee and to carry out self-screening every morning. The HR department will be contacted based on the results.
- The isolation area and suspected staff member's work area will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, in addition to all other common surfaces recently touched by the staff member.

A staff member diagnosed with COVID19 may return to work when **all 4 criteria are met**:

1. Twenty-four (24) hours have passed with no fever; **and**
2. improved in respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc); **and**
3. at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first occurred; **and**
4. must be cleared by HR department before returning to work

If an employee has symptoms that could be COVID19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID19, it is assumed that he/she has COVID19 and may not return to work until the four criteria listed above have been met.

An employee who tests positive for COVID-19 but is **ASYMPTOMATIC** will be required to **quarantine for 10 days and may not return to campus during that time.**

Guidance If Staff Member Has Been Exposed

1. Contact the following (in order of priority):
 - a. Supervisor
 - b. TULOSO-MIDWAY ISD's HR department
 - c. Healthcare provider
2. Quarantine

Social Distancing

ISD staff and students will be required to practice social distancing.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Masks: Face masks will be required.

Social distancing must still be practiced even with the use of face masks.

In addition to using face masks, staff are encouraged to:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or use the inside of elbow

Personal Workspace

Employees are encouraged to disinfect their own personal work spaces.

Shared Workspace

TMISD has alcohol-based hand sanitizers throughout the workplace and in common areas. The TMISD custodial team will clean all workspaces at their designated cleaning time.

Facilities Cleaning

Upon reopening, our schools will have been completely cleaned and disinfected and we will continue to adhere to all necessary safety precautions.

- Common areas will be cleaned and disinfected as frequently as possible.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected after the AM routes and PM routes every school day, and after all other uses.

Signage

Appropriate, guiding signage will be placed throughout the building.

Preventative Material Inventory

Tuloso-Midway ISD will make every effort that all district facilities have an adequate supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

TMISD counselors will work with students or staff, individually or in small groups, to address any well-being needs.

COMMUNICATION METHODS

1. School Messenger phone messages
2. Email
3. District website
4. TMISD on Facebook
5. Remind 101
6. Zoom meetings