

As our region, state and nation continue to move forward with plans to reopen facilities and reestablish a sense of normalcy, we at South Texas ISD are looking forward to resuming full on-campus learning and extracurricular activities this fall.

Since most of our students have been off-campus now for over a year, we realize it will be an adjustment for them to come back to campus in August. To assist with this transition and to provide our students with opportunities for much-needed socialization and time to de-stress prior to the kick off of the new school year, STISD is hosting a variety of on-campus camps throughout the summer months. These camps are not mandatory, but are encouraged.

STISD continues to prioritize the health, safety and well-being of students, staff and all members of the district community, and has instituted the below practices and recommendations for all summer activities:

- After June 4, 2021, STISD will not require students, parents, teachers, staff members or visitors to wear
 masks or face coverings while on district premises. However, the wearing of face masks is allowed and
 is highly encouraged.
- The district encourages faculty, staff and students to get vaccinated against COVID-19.
- STISD will continue to encourage social distancing to the full extent possible.
- Employees and students are required to continue daily self-screenings, and should not report to school or the office, if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Students, faculty, staff and visitors are highly encouraged to continue with frequent washing of hands or using hand sanitizer, and sanitization stations will continue to be available for use throughout district facilities.
- The district will continue with more frequent cleaning and sanitation of campuses.
- STISD will continue to socially distance students on the school buses traveling to and from campus as per TXDOT regulations.

As we enter this next phase in our re-opening, we will continue doing all that we can as a district to support a safe and healthy environment, and we ask that all members of our district community assist in these efforts.