

# STAFFORD MSD

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## Stafford Municipal School District Safe Return to Learn Plan: 2021-2022

Stafford MSD will return to traditional, in-person learning and will not offer an online option for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. The intent and purpose of this funding is to help schools safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. Addressing the academic learning recovery of students is paramount, as well as, the return to in-person learning. This one-time only grant ends with the 2023-2024 school year.

Our academic program recovery will focus on learning loss and other critical areas:

1. **Address Student Learning Gaps** (Intervention/Learning Loss)
2. **Focus on Mental Health** (Student, Staff, Families)
3. Support the **Specific Learning Needs of Eco Dis, SPED, and ELL Students**
4. Provide a Districtwide **Focus on the Student Profile** (Learning Style, Student Story, *Building Relationships, Student Character Program* – ex. The Leader in Me, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens)
5. **Communicate.** Uniform, Consistent, Transparent, and Timely Districtwide and Campus-wide Communication System & Calendar
6. **Retain High Quality Staff** - Intentional focus on Valuing Staff – Teacher Retention
7. **Train Staff/Teacher Mentorship** – Focus on Instruction and Intervention Best Practices
8. **Increase Technology Use** as a Learning Tool – Go Green; Support departments
9. **Accountability for all** – Align all initiatives to District’s Focus/DIP/CIP.
10. **Practice Safety.** Improve indoor air quality and cleanliness

To accomplish our academic learning recovery goals we will hire the following additional positions:

- Special Education Coordinator – Internal posting only – (ESSER III funded 2021-2024)
- ESL Specialist (ESSER III funded 2021-2024)
- Counselor/Social Worker (Funded through ESSER I – 2021-2022; ESSER III – 2022-2024)
- Gaming Coach (need a bit more input from Director of STEM)
- Custodian (3 additional positions - ESSER III funded 2021-2024)
- Part-time Counselor (ESSER III funded 2021-2024)
- Accountant/Bookkeeper (contract - ESSER III funded 2021-2024)

Stafford MSD will return to the robust curriculum and expectations in place prior to the COVID closure. Below are the additional public health protocols in place for the 2021-2022 school year.

Stafford MSD is following the guidance of the Fort Bend County Health & Human Services, which is working closely with the CDC, local governments, and health care providers to prepare for and respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation. Stafford MSD also has a COVID-19 Contact Tracing Department.

## Mask Wearing (OPTIONAL/HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED)

- Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated and aged 2 or older, should wear a mask in indoor public places.
- In general, mask do not need to be wore in outdoor settings.
- Students and staff who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may NOT be protected even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask, until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.

## Close Contact Exposures

Close contact exposures only apply to individuals who have not been fully vaccinated.

Please remember that if your student has been exposed, their siblings or parents who also attend or work for Stafford MSD must also quarantine. Only the exposed staff or student needs to obtain a PCR test.

- Please take a PCR test anytime on or after Day 7 of your quarantine. Only PCR tests taken on or after that date will be accepted. Do not have the testing done any earlier.
- Assuming your PCR test is negative, your child will be able to return to campus after the 10-day quarantine is finished.\*
- To provide proof, please send a picture or file copy of your negative PCR test via email to the Contact Tracing Department. Please include the name and date of birth of either you or child's test result. If we do not have your test result received and on file, we cannot clear you for return.

## Travel Reporting

SMSD **does not require** a quarantine after domestic/out of state travel within the US.

If students are traveling internationally and are *not vaccinated*, it is critical that they quarantine and take a negative PCR test on Day 5 following their return. They must present a negative PCR test before returning to campus.

If they are traveling internationally and are *fully vaccinated* (meaning it has been two weeks since their second or final vaccine dose), **they do not need to quarantine before returning to campus**, but it is recommended by the CDC that they take a negative PCR test on Day 5 after their return.

- **SMSD STAFF:** must report and communicate travel plans to supervisor and Human Resources.

## Positive Cases

- If someone tests positive for COVID-19, that individual and any of their live-in family members/roommates who attend or work for Stafford MSD cannot return until they retest as negative and or are cleared by their physician\*.

- The positive case must also present with a negative PCR test, have been isolated for at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared, and be fever free for 3 days (without using medication) before coming back to campus.
- Please note that these are the minimum requirements and dates. It is a good rule of thumb to not retest until the sick individual is feeling better and their symptoms have gone away, even if that is longer than 10 days.

**SMSD Athletes:** the UIL requires that your athlete be cleared by a doctor to safely resume physical activity. SMSD's Athletic Trainer, will be given your info and will follow up with you to obtain this doctor's note and clear your athlete to return.

**SMSD Staff:** must report and communicate absences to supervisor and Human Resources.

\*To make this very clear, this means that the whole family must be cleared to return to SMSD.

Our entire staff has been or will be trained on procedures and has access to PPE equipment as needed. Additionally, our Maintenance department is cleaning schools, district offices, school buses, and other common areas as often as possible.

### **Transportation**

Our Transportation Department will adhere to the following procedures:

- All students are encouraged to social distance at the bus stop.
- Every bus will be disinfected before & after each ride.
- Drivers and students are encouraged to wear masks for the duration of their route.
- Students will load onto bus from back to front and unload in the opposite direction from front to back.
- Masks, gloves and hand sanitizer dispensers will be available on each bus.

### **COVID-19 Dashboard**

This page will provide important information such as COVID-19 cases, employee vaccinations, and FAQs to our campus and the local community.

[COVID-19 Dashboard - Stafford Municipal School District | Stafford, Texas \(staffordmsd.org\)](https://staffordmsd.org)