



Midlothian Independent School District
ESSER III Planning Document
Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services
Plan
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Public Health Considerations

During the 2021-2022 school year, Midlothian ISD will continue to monitor COVID cases within the state and within Ellis County. With guidance from Dr. Leigh Nordstrom, Ellis County Health Authority, the District will make decisions that consider the health and safety of all students, staff, and campus visitors.

MISD continues to consult with other Ellis County Physicians when making plans and decisions on an as needed basis. These physicians regularly include: Dr. Coleman, Dr. Felty and Dr. Moreland. These doctors were instrumental in helping with the 2020-2021 Re-Entry Plan and continue to offer guidance when requested.

On Thursday, May 13, 2021 the MISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting to discuss several agenda items. During this meeting, the Board took action to lift the mask mandate for all staff and students to a mask recommended protocol effective Monday, May 17, 2021 for all school buildings and school buses. This change is to provide parents and staff a choice to wear masks for the remainder of this school year and into the 2021-2022 school year. Additionally, the Board included the removal of all plexiglass used for COVID mitigation.

Masks are encouraged and highly recommended, but NOT required for the 2021-2022 school year. Signs will be posted at each campus letting students, staff, and visitors know that masks are optional, however, masks are available in the office at each school for students who need one. Custodial staff will return to usual cleaning procedures and plexiglass will not be utilized unless requested. Parents have the option of requesting plexiglass for their child. Requests must be shared with the campus administrator(s).

Contact tracing is no longer required and quarantining due to exposure is optional. Starting August 16, 2021, the COVID [dashboard](#) will be updated on each school day with the number of active positive cases. The dashboard is updated at 4:00pm. Monday updates account for all cases reported between 4:00pm on Friday through 4:00pm on Monday. We will continue to report all positive staff and student cases to our Local Health Authority and all staff, student and visitor cases to the state.

Starting August 20, 2021, MISD will notify parents via email of any positive COVID case in your child's class. MISD's goal is to send this notification out near the end of the school day each day. If you do not receive notification on a particular day, the school did not have any new cases or your child was never in any shared spaces.

with the COVID positive individual(s). You may also receive more than one notification. In this case, your child had shared spaces with more than one COVID-positive case.

Midlothian ISD principals and central administration have been working collaboratively to create environments designed to serve their individual communities to include a [tiered approach](#) to implementing additional protocols based on the number of COVID cases by campus. Beginning September 3, 2021, MISD will use the active COVID cases to determine the safety level for the following week at each campus.

Parents are encouraged to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and all other illnesses and keep students home and seek medical attention. Hand sanitizing stations will remain in all District buildings and be refilled as needed. Signs will be posted throughout the buildings with reminders to practice good hand hygiene.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), released an [update](#) stating "A school administrator shall exclude from attendance any child having or suspected of having COVID-19. Exclusion shall continue until the readmission criteria for conditions are met." Students and staff who are positive for COVID-19, must meet the following readmission criteria before returning to school:

1. COVID-19 Positive individuals must remain out for 10 days from symptom onset, be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication, and other symptoms have improved.
2. COVID-19 Positive individuals who are asymptomatic must remain out for 10 days from the test date.

Academic Calendar



2021-2022 Calendar

JULY 2021							AUGUST 2021							SEPTEMBER 2021							OCTOBER 2021						
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 New Teacher Orientation (No school for students)	 Early Release for Students	 School Closed
 Teacher iPlan Day (No school for students)	 Conference Day (No school for students)	
 Bad Weather Make-up Day	 Teacher Exchange Day (No school for students)	

On-Campus Instruction

Midlothian ISD will discontinue the virtual learning option for the 2021-2022 school year. All instruction will be delivered on-campus, face-to-face. Canvas and Seesaw learning platforms will continue to be used to support teaching and learning in the new school year. For specific questions about on-campus instruction at specific campuses, please contact the school's Principal.

Long-term virtual instruction will not be available for the 2021-2022 school year. However, on August 31, 2021, the State of Texas passed Senate Bill 15 which will allow up to 10% of our student population to access a virtual learning environment. Surveys will be sent out beginning September 1, 2021 so the district can make

adjustments to our internal planning based on the number of students choosing the virtual learning setting. MISD is hopeful to maintain the outstanding number of students choosing to attend school face to face, but this does provide space for those situations where there are significant concerns for the safety and welfare of students.

When a student is out due to a documented medical reason from a US Physician the student may attend [Remote Conferencing](#) where they engage in synchronous instruction with a teacher for 4 hours a day. This option is available when a positive test for a [communicable disease](#) as established by the Texas Department of State Health Services is provided to the school nurse, or the student has a note from a US Physician to be excluded from in-person instruction. During this time, the student will be considered present if they attend 4 hours of synchronous instruction, each day of the approved absence. Synchronous instruction opportunities will be limited based on staffing. Please contact your campus principal for specific times and availability. Students attending through Remote Conferencing must have the camera on and be in view of the instructor at all times. Students must be appropriately dressed and actively participating in canvas/seesaw or with the instructor.

When Remote Conferencing is not available, students who are absent, may access materials online (seesaw/canvas) in an effort to stay up-to-date on instruction. This does not constitute time in class for students. Students (or parents of our youngest students) are encouraged to communicate absences with their teacher(s). Students will have the opportunity to make up work once they return to school.

Attendance

Students are required to attend class at least 90% of the days the class is offered to receive credit. *(Refer to the MISD Student Handbook for additional attendance information.)*

Students who do not meet the required in-person attendance requirement must go through the Attendance Committee. Please contact the campus principal if you have questions.

While long-term remote/virtual instruction is not an option for the 2021-2022 school year, students are encouraged to stay up-to-date through canvas/seesaw.

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Students who are absent from in-person instruction may not attend any extracurricular or club activities through the MISD on the day of the absence. Coaches/directors/sponsors should check daily attendance before allowing a student to participate in a practice, performance, or competition.

Employee Wellness

Employees are encouraged to monitor their health. If they are unwell, they must report the absence to their supervisor immediately and document the absence in Skyward/Aesop, as appropriate.

COVID positive tests will be considered excused absences. The employee may use state, local, and non-duty days (for 226+ employees only) for COVID absences. Employees who miss more than 3 consecutive days must provide a doctor's note or a positive COVID test.

Midlothian ISD offers health and wellness resources for employees in the following ways:

- MISD Express Case Clinic
- Creekbend Counseling Services
- Comprehensive Benefits Plan
- Employee DayCare Center

For additional information, MISD employees can contact hr_dept@misd.gs

MISD Employee Express Care Clinic

Midlothian ISD will continue to offer a low cost, convenient walk-in clinic for MISD employees and their dependents. When staff members are ill, they are encouraged to seek medical attention and not return to work until they are fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.

Additional Resources

Midlothian ISD's 2020-2021 COVID Re-Entry plan can be found [online](#). Each of the campus plans are also available online. For specific questions about procedures and protocols at specific campuses, please contact the school's Principal.

Social Emotional Support

Midlothian ISD counselors are available to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. Counselors are prepared to provide support for families as well.

Face-to-Face Learning

Midlothian ISD will welcome students to 100% in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

Food Services

Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge for all students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Water Fountains

Midlothian ISD disconnected all traditional water fountains on the advice of the CDC during the 2020-2021 school year. Most water fountains were replaced with touchless water fountains to fill reusable bottles.

For the 2021-2022 school year, Midlothian ISD will replace the remaining traditional water fountains with touchless fountains for student and staff use. Students are encouraged to bring refillable bottles to school for water. Paper cups are available to students who do not have a refillable bottle.

Hand Sanitizing Stations

While not required during the 2021-2022 school year, Midlothian ISD is committed to continuing to provide hand sanitizing stations in high traffic areas throughout all District facilities. The District will continue to encourage good hand washing procedures for all students and staff.

Transportation

Transportation will continue for all students who are eligible. Information on transportation services can be found at this [link](#). All buses include hand sanitizing stations for use when entering and exiting and are thoroughly cleaned each morning.