

Commerce ISD – 2021-22 Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

2021-22 Instructional Delivery Model

For the 2021-22 school year, Commerce ISD will provide On-Campus Learning (Traditional Face-to-Face Classroom Experience with Safety Protocols) exclusively. Remote Instruction will not be utilized unless mandated by TEA.

Virus Mitigation Tactics

Health and Hygiene Practice – Face Coverings

- Commerce ISD will not require face coverings unless directed by state leadership or the TEA. [Face coverings are encouraged](#) when indoors [especially for those that are not vaccinated](#).

Health and Hygiene Practices - General

- Commerce ISD will continue to encourage regular hygiene practices, such as thorough handwashing, the use of hand sanitizer, and properly covering coughs and sneezes, as these practices are beneficial in the fight against all germs.

Virus Prevention Strategies

Employee/Student Procedures:

- Commerce ISD will continue to require all employees to [self screen](#) for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school each day.
- Commerce ISD encourages parents to partner with our schools to perform a [daily COVID-19 screening](#) of their students..
- All staff and students should assess if they have recently begun experiencing any of the following symptoms [in a way that is not normal for them](#).
 - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - 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
- Any individual who possesses COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, must remain off campus until he/she meets the criteria for re-entry.
- Individuals who have been determined to be a close contact to a test-confirmed positive individual are not required to quarantine from school. If symptoms

associated with COVID-19 begin, please refer to the below section titled, Employees, Students, or Visitors Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19 – Exclusion and Re-Entry.

- [Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months](#) and recovered do not have to stay at home or get tested again, as long as they do not develop new symptoms. Individuals who develop symptoms again within 3 months of their first bout of COVID19 may need to be tested again if there is no other cause identified for their symptoms.

Visitor Procedures:

- All visitors will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms listed above and asked if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.
- Any visitor possessing a COVID-19 symptom must remain off-campus until he meets the criteria for re-entry listed at the conclusion of this section.
- Any visitor who has had close contact must remain off campus until the 10-day incubation period has passed.

Employees, Students, or Visitors Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19 – Exclusion and Re-Entry

- Any individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 or who experiences COVID-19 symptoms must stay home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
 - In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when **all three** of the following criteria are met:
 1. at least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); **and**
 2. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **and**
 3. • Students may return 10 days from the onset of symptoms or date of test is asymptomatic.
 - Staff may return after 5 days from the onset of symptoms if then, asymptomatic or date of test if asymptomatic at the time of testing and has remained asymptomatic.
 - *Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.
 - In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 but is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either:
 1. obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis, **or**
 2. receive a negative COVID test via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/> **and** have an improvement of symptoms.

- For CISD staff who meet the close contact threshold with a COVID-19 positive individual, it is recommended that the school system require that staff remain off campus during the stay-at-home period. If these staff continue to work on campus, rapid testing must be performed periodically for 5 days post-exposure, with testing on or after the 5th day.

Virus Response Protocols

Upon identifying a possible COVID-19 case on campus, Commerce ISD will:

- Immediately separate the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the individual can leave campus.
- Clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms as soon as possible.

Upon learning that a lab-confirmed case has been in a school, Commerce ISD will:

- Notify the Hunt County Health Department, in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Notify parents of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on campus activities.

Commerce ISD may modify these guidelines based on current health trends and/or orders from state officials and governing bodies.