



Tomball Independent School District
Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services
Pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, Section 2001(i)
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)

LEA Name Tomball ISD
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PREVENTION AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES CONSISTENT WITH CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

For each mitigation strategy listed below, please describe how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

[ARP ESSER III website Introduction and Background](#)

[2021 COVID Handbook: Parent and Student Return to School Handbook](#) [SPANISH \(revised: 9/9/2021\)](#)

[COVID Student Reporting](#) [COVID Staff Reporting](#)

[COVID Dashboard](#)

[Health and Safety Recommendations for Staff](#) (revised: 7/30/2021)

[Employee Return to Work Handbook](#) (revised: 4/23/2021)

[Return to Excellence: Reopening 2020](#) (revised: 4/23/2021)

Self-Prescreening:

The best way to prevent the spread of illness in our schools is to stay home when ill. Students should not attend school if they have a fever of 100.0 F or higher or new onset symptoms of illness. Washing and sanitizing hands often, especially before eating, after using the restroom, after blowing your nose, after coughing or sneezing, and after coming into contact with highly touched objects such as doorknobs, handrails, etc. can help reduce the spread of illness.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19:

Students should notify the school nurse. Tomball ISD is required to report positive cases to Harris County Public Health and the Texas Education Agency. Employees should complete the employee self-report in the SSO portal. Both students and employees should isolate for ten days after the date of symptom onset or test date if asymptomatic as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Control (CDC). Individuals must be fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications before returning to school or work. Individuals must be diarrhea free for at least 24 hours without the use of diarrhea-suppressing medications before returning to school or work. District administrators will continuously monitor and keep up with updates from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Individuals who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should:

Consider isolating to prevent the unintended transmission of the virus to others as recommended by the CDC. Consider seeking medical guidance from your health care provider. Consider testing as recommended by the CDC. Consider wearing a mask or face covering if respiratory symptoms are present and you choose not to test for COVID-19 to prevent the unintended transmission of the virus to others. Employees should stay home when ill and notify their supervisor. Students should not attend school when ill. The school nurse will assess students who become ill during the school day contact parents/guardians as needed. Students with a temperature of 100.0 F or higher, active vomiting and/or diarrhea, or any other signs of a communicable condition should stay home until the readmission criteria for the conditions are met as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Visitors should not enter district facilities if they are ill.

Individuals who have had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 should:

Consider quarantining for 14 days after the date of last contact as recommended by the CDC. Monitor for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 for 14 days after the date of last contact as recommended by the CDC. Consider wearing a mask/face covering if choosing to return to work/school prior to the end of the 14-day quarantine period. Consider testing between day 3 and day 7 after exposure and if symptoms develop.



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Masks or Face Coverings:

- The CDC recommends that masks should be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools (age 2 and older) regardless of vaccination status. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- The use of face coverings is recommended if you have not been fully vaccinated, if you have a lab-confirmed case, or have been exposed to a lab-confirmed case.
- **Per State mandate, no governmental entity, school district or governmental official can require a person to wear a mask or face covering.**
- In Tomball ISD, the use of face masks is optional for all students and staff.
- Students with disabilities will follow the same guidelines and protocols, with specific services and accommodations as needed, to meet their individual needs.

COVID-19 Positive Case Notifications:

Tomball ISD will notify Harris County Public Health and the Texas Education Agency of any test-confirmed COVID-19 positive as required.

COVID-19 Vaccines:

COVID-19 vaccines are not required for students or employees. According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and recommended for all eligible individuals.

Cleaning/Sanitizing:

Custodial and Environmental Services will perform a terminal clean using hospital grade disinfectant in common areas (halls, restrooms, meeting rooms, buses, desktops). The disinfectant is EPA registered to be effective against COVID-19 and other viruses. Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout every campus and facility. Employees are encouraged to wash/sanitize their hands frequently throughout their workday. Students will be encouraged and given opportunities throughout the school day to wash/sanitize their hands.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Tomball ISD will continue to provide PPE appropriate to the task for all employees by request. Campuses will have funds to purchase PPE. Tomball ISD currently has an ample supply of PPE for use by campuses. Campus clinics will have masks available for any employee or student by request. In coordination with State and Local health officials, Tomball ISD will continue to collaborate with Harris County Public Health to monitor and mitigate COVID-19 and other communicable diseases affecting our communities. Tomball ISD will continue to receive updates from the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Education Agency and implement appropriate measures to protect students, employees, and visitors in all district facilities and at district sponsored events.

ENSURING CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff's social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services.

- ❖ Tomball ISD launched the Face-to-Face (F2F) and Tomball Virtual Schools (TVS) options in fall 2020, districtwide. Additionally, extracurricular activities slowly reopened in Spring 2021.
- ❖ Beginning August 17, 2021, the district plans to return to a pre-pandemic academic schedule inclusive of all extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.
- ❖ The Tomball ISD Nutrition Department provided meals for F2F and TVS students through the Curbside Communities program throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Tomball ISD will offer meals to all students at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year.



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- ❖ The district will follow all mandates put forward by the Texas Education Agency, the State of Texas, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Control (CDC) and other health agencies.

Academic Support: Addressing Learning Loss

Category	Expenditures
Support for administration	PD: PLC/RTi at Work, Leadership Blueprint, Winning Culture
Support for teachers including specialists	PD: RTI at Work, Seidlitz
Rigorous instructional materials	Blended Learning; Schoology ; Instructional Resources: Lexia Learning, LLI Kits, Mentoring Minds, Imagine Math
Create more time for learning	Tutoring, Superhero Summer Camp
Empower parents	Parent Learning Academy Speaker Series, Translator
Social emotional learning	Crisis Counseling PREPARE, Emotional Backpack, Tele-Counseling
Supports to the district and/or schools to implement compensatory services	SpEd compensatory instruction, homebound, curriculum, Teach Town

STAKEHOLDER INPUT

A. Describe how the LEA sought public comment from stakeholders and the process to incorporate such input into plan revisions. The ARP Act requires that LEAs seek public comment for each 60-day revision to the plan.

❖ **4/5/2021 – 6/11/2021**

Numerous meetings among District Cabinet, CIA Executive team, content directors, content specialists, principals, campus specialists, teachers, and other departments.

❖ **6/1/2021 – 6/8/2021**

Tomball ISD provided the ESSER III Stakeholder Engagement Survey

- Available to all stakeholders
- Available in English and Spanish
 - The district web platform accommodates *Google Translate* that translates online documents in 108 languages

❖ **6/15/2021**

Presentation to the Tomball ISD school board

- School board meetings are open to all stakeholders
- Notice of Regular Meeting (6/15/2021)
- Minutes of Regular Meeting (6/15/2021)



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B. Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.

- ❖ Tomball ISD will provide the Safe Return Plan in English and in Spanish.
 - As written in EHBD Regulation: At least ten percent of parents / guardians selected Spanish as their “Home Language”; therefore, Tomball ISD translates all documents in Spanish.
- ❖ Tomball ISD hired a district translator through the 2020-2023 ARP ESSER III federal grant.
- ❖ Tomball ISD district and campus webpages are available to be translated by end users at any time from English into the 108 languages Google Translate supports.

C. Briefly describe any guidance professional learning and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools.

- ❖ Tomball ISD selected three (3) categories in PS3013 to address learning loss and remain compliant with the statutory requirements with the following activities:
 - (A6) sheltered instruction and targeted campus coaching to address learning loss of English Learners ;
 - (A13) coaching models such as PLC/RtI at Work to support teachers, teacher specialists, and other campus and district leaders to address the learning loss of specific student populations and campus-wide programs ; and
 - (A15) Social Emotional Learning resources to address the whole-child and provide mental health services for students and staff.
- ❖ Professional Development will be provided so that staff is comfortable teaching in a variety of formats that could be required during the school year. Our technical staff will be available daily to help them navigate through any problems that should arise.

SAFE RETURN PLAN COMMITTEE

- District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
- CIA Executive Team
- CIA directors, content specialists, campus administrative teams
- Human Talent, Finance, Operations departments

Meeting Dates 2021-2022

- 09/23/2021
- 11/18/2021
- 02/03/2022
- 03/24/2022
- 05/05/2022

6-Month Review Requirement: If the LEA revises its plan at the 6-month required review period, the revised plan must address:

- **each of the aspects of safety currently recommended by the CDC at that time, or**
- **if the CDC has updated its safety recommendations at the time the LEA is revising its plan, each of the updated safety recommendations**