
Brownsboro ISD

Return to Learn Plan

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The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are continually evolving, and Brownsboro ISD's Return to Learn and Continuity of Service Plan will be constantly evaluated to adapt to the continuing trends of the COVID-19 virus.

Brownsboro ISD will consider recommendations for school opening and operation from the Centers For Disease Control (CDC), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), as well as state and local health officials. Circumstances related to COVID-19 may change throughout the coming school year, and this document will be updated as conditions change.

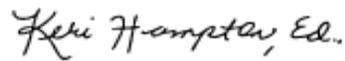


INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this guide is to provide information to families on district safety protocols. Please know that as this situation continues to evolve we will make adjustments to the information contained in this guidance document. We remain committed to staying up to date with the changing information and guidance related to COVID-19 and examining the continuing impact on our District, staff, students, and community.

We hope that providing this guidance document will allow us to safely start the 2021-2022 school year. We greatly appreciate your continued patience, support, and understanding as we navigate this time together and we look forward to welcoming all of our Brownsboro ISD students back to school.

Dr. Hampton



Superintendent of Schools

GENERAL INFORMATION

Brownsboro ISD's in-school instructional practices ensure the safety of students and staff to the best of our ability.

- Students will engage in high-quality learning experiences aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) through a blended learning format.
- BISS is a 1:1 District, meaning each K-12 student is issued a device to use for the school year.
- Free WiFi access will be provided in specific locations of each campus parking lot in the event students need WiFi access outside school hours.
- BISS utilizes Google Classroom as a tool for students to engage in classroom experiences. Homework assignments, class assignments, and/or assessments could occur within the Google Classroom platform.
- Brownsboro ISD will abide by all current Texas Governor's Orders. Texas is currently under Executive Order GA-38 issued on 8/5/21.
- During the 87th Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature did not approve funding for remote learning of any kind. As a result, remote learning will not be offered in Brownsboro ISD during the 2021-2022 school year and face-to-face instruction will be the only mode of instruction offered in BISS.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides guidance, recommendations, and resources to assist with plans and protocols for health and safety. Brownsboro ISD implements health and safety plans that include:
 - Ensuring adequate supply inventory including cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.;
 - Cleaning with products approved by governing authorities and per guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);
 - Ensuring compliance with CDC, Health and Human Services, The Texas Education Agency, and other jurisdictional policies;
 - Providing communication of procedures and expectations upon entering facilities and throughout buildings.

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

The key to sustained in-person instruction will be our commitment to health and safety guidelines. BISD has ordered additional supplies in order to implement increased safety measures at each campus in the coming year. All classrooms will be equipped with plenty of hand sanitizer and bathrooms will be stocked with soap and paper towels.

PUBLIC HEALTH STATEMENT

While it is not possible to eliminate all risks of furthering the spread of COVID-19, this guidance document contains information on practices that minimize the likelihood of viral spread. Please note, health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. As a result, Brownsboro ISD will continue to consult available guidance through governmental agencies and other information deemed relevant to monitor the situation. These protocols and guidelines will be modified based on public health and governmental directives, and advancing scientific knowledge on the transmissibility of COVID-19. We also believe that educating our students about proper hygiene techniques and necessary safety measures to prevent the spread will not only keep them safe but will also keep their respective families safe.

Student Arrival/Dismissal	<p>ARRIVAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will ask parents to avoid early drop-offs in the morning. Schools will open at 7:15 am. ● Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer upon entry. <p>DISMISSAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sanitizer stations will be placed at each exit and students will be encouraged to sanitize their hands prior to exit. ● Campuses may open multiple entrance/exit points during arrival/dismissal to promote social distancing. ● Campuses will review options to reduce large group gatherings at the start and end of the day as well as other times of the day
Face Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks and/or face coverings are strongly recommended but not required.
Classroom	<p>Teachers will support safety practices by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encouraging hand hygiene before entering the classroom and after group activities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increasing the space between desks when feasible. ● Establishing student responsibilities to clean personal areas and materials/supplies with hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and other self-cleaning products. ● Incorporating outdoor teaching when appropriate. ● Keeping classroom doors open to improve circulation and reduce the touching of the door handles when possible. ● During low transmission levels, collaborative work and projects are allowed.
Common Areas and Transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Access to hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the campus and in each classroom. ● Water refill stations will be available on campus and students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to use at school.
Elementary and Intermediate PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use of outdoor activities as the weather permits and facilities allow.
Breakfast and Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge to all students. Even though meals will be provided free this year, parents/guardians will be requested to fill out an income questionnaire during enrollment for the purpose of establishing rollover dates for the start of the 2022-2023 school year and to help students qualify for certain programs offered throughout the school year. ● Cafeteria staff will be trained in safety protocols. ● Tables and high-touch surfaces will be disinfected between lunches. ● Hand sanitizer stations will be available at entrances and exits of the cafeteria. ● Students should not share food. ● If further mitigation is required throughout the school year, then other eating areas will be explored at that time by the campus administrators.
Parent Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ARD meetings, 504 meetings, and parent conferences will be held virtually or in person depending on the preference and availability of the parent and members of the committee.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BISD will continue to provide bus transportation, but parents are encouraged to transport their children to school daily, if possible, as it is the safest means of transportation due to COVID-19. ● Family members are encouraged to sit together on the bus. ● Face coverings are highly encouraged on buses. ● Windows will be slightly open on buses when possible to help with ventilation

	and airflow.
Fine Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerts/performances may be adjusted based on health and safety guidelines provided by an authorized entity (e.g., BISD, TEA, UIL, etc.) including but not limited to transportation procedures, number of attendees, and the orientation of concerts. • All fine arts performances will be streamed online when possible.
Extracurricular, Performances, and Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All extracurricular and athletic events will follow participation guidelines set by the UIL (University Interscholastic League). • Athletic practices and contests will be conducted following safety protocols provided by guidance from Brownsboro ISD, UIL, and TEA. • Hand sanitizing stations will be in gym facilities and equipment will be sanitized on a regular basis. • Spectator attendance at games and contests may be limited based on TEA and UIL guidelines. Ticketing for events may be utilized to control the capacity of facilities. • Procedures and protocols for disinfecting equipment, etc. will be put into place to address locker rooms. • PTA and Boosters must collaborate with and seek approval from campus/district administrators prior to any event that is planned.
Hours	<p><u>Student start and end times:</u> BES/CES: 7:40 am-3:26 pm BIS/CIS: 7:49 am-3:36 pm JH/HS/Horizon Academy: 7:53 am-3:45 pm *Campuses will open for students at 7:15 am</p>
Technology	<p>Students will be provided the following district technology device to use in the classroom and at home for virtual learning.</p> <p>Pre-K-2nd: Ipad 3rd-12th grade: Chromebook</p>
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors must self-screen for COVID symptoms based on the posted signs at campuses. If someone has COVID or COVID like symptoms, they should not enter the building. • All campus visitors are required to check-in through the front office per standard District protocols. As an extra security precaution, visitors will use the mounted air phones to request access into the building. • As long as transmission levels are low, visitors are encouraged to attend

	<p>special events when social distancing is feasible such as performances, pep rallies, awards ceremonies, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents are allowed to walk their students to class on the first day of school but should stay in the car line at drop-off after the first day to develop consistent procedures for students. ● During moderate to high transmission levels, on-campus activities may be altered and attendance by parents and community members may be limited. ● Visitors during lunch are determined by campus guidelines. ● At this time due to limited space, we will not be allowing visitors for class parties if they are held in a classroom due to lack of space. ● Any visitor who has COVID-19 or has COVID-19 symptoms or has come in close contact with someone who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, must remain off campus until the 14 day incubation period has passed.
<p>Field Trips</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All field trips require the approval of the campus principal. The transmission levels and social distancing capabilities will be considered before a field trip is approved.

Safety Guidance Information

PRACTICES TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Health and Hygiene Practices

- Students will have instruction on effective handwashing practices. Elementary students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before eating, following restroom breaks, and after recess. Secondary students will be encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer regularly.
- Schools will have hand sanitizer at each entrance.
- Hand sanitizer will be in every classroom.
- Students, teachers, and staff will be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
- Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors should be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and, if not available, to use the inside of their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash; hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.
- Campuses will institute more frequent cleaning practices, including additional cleaning by custodial staff, as well as provide the opportunity for children to clean their own spaces before and after they are used, in ways that are safe and developmentally appropriate.
- Campuses will arrange for additional cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces that are touched in common areas throughout the day. This would include objects such as door handles; common tables/desks; shared supplies, such as art supplies; and high-touch devices, such as shared laptops or tablets.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing is an effective way to prevent potential infection. BISD employees, students, parents, and visitors should practice staying approximately 3 feet away from others and eliminating contact with others when possible.

PROTOCOLS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Face masks are strongly recommended but not required. The district will have PPE available in the front office at each campus for anyone who wants a mask, etc.

PROTOCOLS FOR DISINFECTING AND CLEANING

Hand Washing/Sanitizing Expectations

- Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry points on each campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria, and in common areas on campus.
- Staff and students will be encouraged to regularly wash and sanitize their hands.

Disinfecting expectations

- Staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible.
- Each classroom and restroom will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- All high touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day

SCREENING PROTOCOLS

- Staff should self-screen each day prior to entering a Brownsboro ISD building, and the district may require further screening of students and staff at any time based on the current state and federal guidelines and local conditions;
- Per TEA guidelines, a parent or guardian should screen their children for infectious illness each day prior to sending them to school;
- Teachers will monitor students and refer the student to the nurse if symptoms are present;

Students, staff, or visitors may not enter a District Facility if any of the following are present;

- Loss of taste or smell
- Waiting for the result from a COVID-19 test
- Temperature of 100 degrees or more. Students must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-suppressing medication.
- Diarrhea with 3 or more episodes of loose stool in a 24 hour period. Students must be diarrhea-free for 24 hours without diarrhea suppressing medications to return to school. Some exclusions could be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Vomiting at school unless a physician feels the cause of vomiting is not an infectious disease and the child is in no danger of becoming dehydrated. Some exclusions could be made on a

case-by-case basis.

- Undetermined rash over any part of the body accompanied by fever.
 - Open, draining wounds or lesions that cannot be contained in a bandage.
 - Red, purulent draining eyes.
 - Persistent cough that cannot be controlled with cough drops or accompanied by other symptoms or fever.
 - Live head lice (students with nits only may remain at school with monitoring) To reenter school, the student must be free of live lice.
 - Any questionable contagious symptoms or if a student's behavior indicates that he/she is not well.
- **Students must be symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours without medication in order to return to school.**

Students, staff, or visitors may not enter a District facility if any of the following apply:

- Two or more of the following symptoms:
 - shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
 - loss of taste or smell,
 - sore throat,
 - new or unexplained congestion or runny nose,
 - sudden onset of persistent headache
- **Students with at least two COVID symptoms as listed above must be symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours without medication in order to return to school.**

IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE COVID CASES ON CAMPUS

- Schools must immediately separate any student who shows two or more COVID symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- Schools should clean the areas used by the individual who shows multiple COVID symptoms while at school as soon as feasible.

ISOLATION PROTOCOLS

- For students displaying two or more symptoms of COVID-19 and/or are feeling feverish, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home

- Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than an hour from the time the campus has contacted the parent/guardian.
- If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify the local 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).
- Schools must close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected.

INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED WITH COVID-19

When a student has displayed two or more symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment. As with all illnesses, students will be sent home if they have a fever of 100 or higher, are vomiting, or have diarrhea (please see above). Students will also be sent home if the nurse determines the symptoms may be from COVID.

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:

- at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);*
- the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and*
- at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.*

CLOSE CONTACT

Campuses will notify parents of any student that is known to have been exposed and in close contact with a COVID 19 positive individual. Any individual exposed to a COVID positive case should monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for the next 10 days and seek medical advice and/or COVID testing if symptoms develop. It is strongly encouraged that anyone exposed or in close contact with an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19 wear a mask indoors.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) can positively impact a student's attitude, behavioral, and academic outcomes. Brownsboro ISD is committed to SEL and the well-being of all students. With SEL, children and adults both acquire and apply the knowledge and skills that are necessary for managing emotions, achieving goals, showing empathy for others, maintaining positive relationships, and making responsible decisions.

Student

- Students are encouraged to contact their school counselor in person, by phone, or by email;
- All students will participate in social and emotional learning activities.

Parent

- Parents are encouraged to talk with their child about their social and emotional well-being;
- Assist in supporting your child's social and emotional needs by contacting the counselor by phone or email ;
- Keep consistent schedules and routines at home.

Counselor

- Deliver social and emotional learning lessons;
- Provide counseling for students;
- Provide trauma-informed/grief support;
- Provide information on community resources for mental health and social and emotional well-being;
- Support the development of coping and self-regulation skills, such as managing emotions, impulse control, and perseverance;
- Check-in with students in need of assistance, as well as new students transitioning to their new campus.

Administrator/Teacher/Staff

- Educators will consistently incorporate opportunities for social and emotional learning practice and reflection;
- Provide multi-tiered systems of support to students to address behavioral and social and emotional needs;
- Refer students in need of assistance to counselors.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions related to the Return to Learn Plan, please contact the campus Principal, Brad Robertson, Director of Student and Staff Services at 903-852-3701, or Diana Williams, Lead Nurse at 903-852-7325.

PLEASE NOTE: The details in this document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities and other health officials or as environmental conditions change.