

Sierra Blanca I.S.D. Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

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Return to In-Person Learning

- Sierra Blanca I.S.D. students will return to campus for face-to-face instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - Texas Senate Bill 1468, which would have allowed for virtual remote learning, was not passed into law during the legislative session.
 - Therefore, the Texas Education Agency has not provided the option to offer virtual/remote instruction.

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Return to Learning Protocols

- Masks are optional for students, staff, and visitors on all district facilities and on district buses.
 - In compliance with the Governor's Executive Order 36 , Sierra Blanca ISD staff will be unable to accommodate individual parent requests related to the monitoring of student mask use.
 - A student suspected of having a communicable illness (such as flu, COVID-19, Pertussis, etc.) will be provided a mask to wear until the student is picked up by a parent/guardian.
- The Texas Education Agency's School Health Operations Requirements state that school systems must allow individuals to wear a mask if they choose to do so.
- All staff and students will receive training related to proper hygiene practices.

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Return to Learning Protocols

- All staff and students will receive training related to proper hygiene practices.
- All classroom teachers will maintain a current seating chart. The seating chart must be on file with the home campus per Tarrant County Public Health.
- Quarantining of staff and students due to close contacts will not be required.

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Health Screening

- Students, staff, or visitors **may not enter a district facility if any of the following apply:**
 - Diagnosed with COVID-19
 - Exhibiting **one major** or **two minor** COVID-19 symptoms
 - **Major symptoms of COVID-19 (1 symptom)**
 - Fever (100.0 or greater) and/or chills
 - Persistent cough
 - Shortness or breath or difficulty breathing
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - **Minor symptoms of COVID-19 (2 or more symptoms)**
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Diarrhea/nausea/vomiting
 - Sudden onset of persistent headache
 - Waiting for results from a COVID-19 test

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Health Screening

- Parents and/or guardians must screen their students' health condition daily using the criteria listed above.
 - A “yes” response to any of the above criteria requires the individual to remain at home. The parent/guardian should contact the campus nurse for further guidance on the student's return to school.
- An individual diagnosed with COVID-19 may return to school when all three of the CDC symptom-based criteria are met:
 - 10 days since the start of symptoms
 - 24 hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications
 - Improved symptoms

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Close Contact

- “Close contact” is defined as coming into contact in one of the following ways with an individual who has a lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 diagnosis:
 - Direct exposure to infectious secretions
 - Being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes
 - Either of the above occurred in the past 10 days, while the infected individual was infectious
- Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, two days prior to the confirming lab test.
- Any individual identified as a close contact 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.

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Responding to Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

- Campuses must immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian. The school nurse will provide the parent with the criteria for their return to school.
- Asymptomatic siblings or household contacts of the symptomatic person may remain on campus.
- District staff should clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) as soon as is feasible.
- Students who report feeling feverish should be sent to the clinic for nurse assessment to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

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Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a District Facility

- If an individual has been in a district facility and is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the Coordinator of Health Services will notify the Tarrant County Public Health Department (TCPH), 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).
- Close contacts will be notified and instructed to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Notification will be sent to impacted staff and families if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified within a district facility.

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Cleaning and Sanitization

- Sierra Blanca ISD has developed a targeted cleaning process that specifically addresses COVID-19.
 - Each district facility will be cleaned daily with EPA approved products in accordance with CDC guidelines.
 - Sierra Blanca ISD custodial employees have been trained on COVID-19 safety protocols.
 - Restrooms, cafeterias, and computer labs will undergo extensive cleaning after each day's use.
 - If a lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 case occurs within a district facility, additional cleaning measures will be taken, as appropriate.

These recommendations may be subject to change, as mandated.

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Instructional Practices

- Sierra Blanca I.S.D. will continue its 1 to 1 technology offering. Mobile hotspots will be available for each student for the 2021-2022 school year.
- All instruction will be TEKS based with a strong focus on tight alignment to the standards with pacing determined by the TEKS-RS Year-at-a-Glance.
- Learning loss due to COVID will be addressed through morning and afternoon tutorials (weekend and summer optional).
 - HB4545 Requirement
- Interventions will be offered in class as well through targeted tutorials.

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Instructional Practices

- Breakfast in the classroom will remain in place as part of an intervention time for all students to begin the day.
- Lunch will be served in the cafeteria with an emphasis on sanitary practices entering the building along with clean-up.
- Social and Emotional Learning curriculum will be implemented to address mental health, bullying, and impact the campus climate.

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Health and Well-Being of Stakeholders

- In addition to SEL curriculum for students, counseling services are available to discuss social, emotional, and mental health needs.
 - Counseling with private independent partner will also be provided.
 - Students or parents may request services by contacting school administration or through an online counseling request link.
- The social, emotional, mental health and other needs for staff as well must be provided.
 - Counseling is available for staff with a licensed professional.
 - SEL lessons for adults will be embedded into staff development.

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We are proud to serve our community and look forward to the coming school year with a renewed sense of awareness for health and safety so that academics may be prioritized to accomplish our academic goals.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like additional information, please contact us at 915.369.3741 or send an email to sierrablancaisd@gmail.com

Thank You Vaqueros!!

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