



# MUENSTER ISD

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### **Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services (RIPICS) Plan 2023-2024**

*Updated on July 25th, 2023*

This document summarizes the extent to which Muenster ISD has implemented CDC Safety Recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year. These protocols are subject to change pending local circumstances or guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) or the Governor's Office. If any changes are made, parents and staff will be notified as soon as possible.

**MASK** - Masks are not mandatory for students and staff

**Handwashing and respiratory etiquette** - staff will review proper handwashing and general hygiene practices with students during the first few weeks of school (i.e., washing hands for at least 20 seconds and coughing into your elbow)

**Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation** - custodial staff will continue to clean and sanitize daily for each building

**Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine** - As of May 11th, 2023, the CDC's guidance for individuals testing positive for COVID-19, is to stay home for at least 5 days, and isolate themselves from others. Students and staff may return to school after they have been fever-free for 24-hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication). MISD Administration will review all reported positive cases to determine if the contact tracing protocol should be implemented.

**Diagnostic and Screening Testing** - students and staff experiencing a fever during the school day will be sent home. If a student develops a fever during the school day, they will quarantine until a parent or guardian can pick them up and not be allowed on campus the following day. To help keep everyone safe, we ask parents not to send their children to school if they are not feeling well.

**Efforts to provide vaccination to school communities** - the district shared information about testing and vaccination opportunities via the Texas Public Health campaign and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

**Appropriate accommodation for children with disabilities for health and safety policies** - staff provide accommodations, modifications, and assistance for students with disabilities and other healthcare needs. As federal and state disability laws require, staff will adjust accordingly to provide an individualized approach for working with children with disabilities consistent with the child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan.

**Coordination with State and local health officials** - Muenster ISD works with state, county, and local officials as needed and will take all necessary precautions to protect the health and welfare of all students and staff.

**Students' Academic Needs and Students' and Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health** - students have been back to school for in-person learning since the 2020-2021 school year, as we believe this to be the best setting to meet students' needs. We look forward to welcoming students back on Thursday, August 17th, 2023. Professional development was provided to all staff to strengthen and target instructional barriers while providing a safe and inclusive learning environment.

**This plan is subject to change at any time. As changes occur, we will let the MISD community know ASAP.**