



RAYMONDVILLE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Raymondville ISD 2024 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction

For the 2023-24 School Year, Raymondville ISD will safely continue with 100% in-person instruction, including services to address students' academic needs, students' and staff social, emotional, and mental health, students' and staff health, and food services.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

Executive Order GA-38 (GA-38), which has the effect of state law under Section 418.012 of the Texas Government Code, requires Texas public school systems to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic in compliance with the published guidance of the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Public school systems are to operate in compliance with existing state laws and regulations, including all executive orders issued by the governor of Texas in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that are currently in effect.

Raymondville ISD will follow the current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

When you may have a respiratory virus...

Stay home and away from others (including people you live with who are not sick) if you have respiratory virus symptoms that aren't better explained by another cause. These symptoms can include fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose, and headache, among others.

- You can go back to your normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, both are true:
 - o Your symptoms are getting better overall, and
 - o You have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).
- When you go back to your normal activities, take added precaution over the next 5 days, such as taking additional steps for cleaner air, hygiene, masks, physical distancing, and/or testing when you will be around other people indoors.
 - o Keep in mind that you may still be able to spread the virus that made you sick, even if you are feeling better. You are likely to be less contagious at this time, depending on factors like how long you were sick or how sick you were.
 - o If you develop a fever or you start to feel worse after you have gone back to normal activities, stay home and away from others again until, for at least 24 hours, both are true: your symptoms are improving overall, and you have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication). Then take added precaution for the next 5 days.

This guidance is subject to change as new information becomes available.

PRIORITIZING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF

Based on TEA and CDC Safety Recommendations, the District will:

- Modify the use of facilities to allow for **physical distancing when possible** (i.e., staggered lunch and restroom schedules).
- Teach and reinforce **handwashing and respiratory etiquette**.
- Train custodians on **cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities**.
- Install new HVAC units to **improve ventilation and maintain Needlepoint Bipolar Ionizers (NBPIs)** to improve air quality. NBPIs eliminate viruses, bacteria, and mold in the air and on surfaces.
- Provide appropriate **accommodations for children with disabilities** with respect to health and safety policies.
- Coordinate with State and local health officials.

Addressing Student Academic Needs:

- Provide training for teacher on **effective instruction** beginning Summer 2021.
- Provide **quality instructional resources** and computer programs.
- Utilize quality student assessments.
- Purchase **school supplies** for students.
- Provide extra **instructional supplies for teacher**.
- Update classroom technology.

Supporting students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, student health and food services:

- Onsite **social/emotional workshop** for teachers.
- Onsite **social/emotional workshop** for students.
- **Mental Health training** for campus intervention team.
- District **Health Clinic**.
- Serve **fresh cooked meals** with quality ingredients.
- Provide teacher professional development for staff on **Social Emotional Learning**.
- Implement a curriculum that includes **social emotional learning**.

Find more information in the following CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/respiratory-virus-guidance.html>