

***COOLIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT***

***Safe Return to In Person Instruction & Continuity of Services  
Plan***

***UPDATED: May 21, 2021***



***VISION***

***To create a first class, state of the art educational experience for all***

***May 21, 2021***

***CISD Staff, Parents, & Community***

***Over a year ago, I stated: I can promise you there is nothing more powerful than for our children to be in the classroom with a loving teacher. Technology is a fine tool, but nevertheless, it is just that; a tool. NOTHING will ever replace a compassionate teacher. Coolidge ISD ended remote instruction upon our return from the fall break in 2020. Kids learn best in the classroom and we will continue that practice moving into the 2021-2022 school year.***

***At this time, our Safe Return to School Committee is developing and revising plans, which will allow our kids to return to a safe and secure instructional environment on July 29th. We are collecting data from surveys to help with this planning and will take every precaution necessary to ensure everyone feels safe. Once our instructional plan has been finalized we will publish for all to see.***

***It is our goal for communication to be clear and precise so that we are all on the same page. If you have questions or feel uncomfortable, please let us know. We want everyone to feel confident about our plans for CISD.***

***Respectfully yours,***

***Robert Lowry***

**Purpose**

The purpose of the following information is to communicate and connect with all stakeholders regarding Coolidge ISD's Safe Return To School Plans for the start of the new school year. The CISD Safe Return To School Plan is a working document in progress to ensure a quality education in the safest environment. The Plan will be reviewed by the Safe Return to School

Committee every six months through September 30, 2023.

**Previous Meeting Dates:**

May 14, 2021

May 21, 2021

**2021-2022 Registration**

- Registration will be open July 19-22, 2021.
- Parents will need to complete registration online. Computer labs will be open in both schools for access.
- For new student registration, please contact the school office at (254) 786-2206 to give basic information to set up your online registration account.
- Registration information is on the district website: <https://www.coolidgeisd.org/>

**Protocols for Individuals Confirmed, Suspected or Exposed to COVID-19**

The following draft guidance was provided by the Texas Education Agency on July 7, 2020:

- If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its 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 (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.
- Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on campus activities.
- Any individual - including teachers, staff, students or other campus visitors/volunteers who themselves either a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 or b) experience symptoms of COVID-19 **must** stay at home throughout the infectious period, and cannot return to the campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

- 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:
  1. at least three days (72 hours) have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
  2. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath); and
  3. at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay-at-home period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an **alternative** diagnosis.
- Individuals - including students, teachers, staff or other campus visitors/volunteers - who have had close contact with someone who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, must stay at home through the 14-day incubation period, and should not be allowed on campus. A negative COVID-19 test will not reduce the required 14 day quarantine period.
- CISD Administration will screen individuals after the incubation period has concluded, and if the individual did not experience COVID-19 symptoms during that period, the individual can be allowed back on campus. If the individual experienced symptoms, they must stay at home until the conditions outlined above have been met.
- The District will publish local opportunities with approved providers for COVID-19 vaccinations as they become available.

### **2021-2022 Instructional Plan**

Coolidge ISD will start school on July 29th as planned with the On Campus Instructional Model. Student academic needs to ensure continuity of services will be addressed as well as students' and staff social, emotional, and mental health needs. Strategies for School Counselor support will be implemented to meet these needs. Remote Instructional will only be allowed under specific circumstances approved by the administration. We are moving forward with our planning and preparations to offer the following:

## **On Campus Instructional Model**

Learning occurs in a traditional classroom setting with a teacher on campus. Several of the safety measures that were in place in 20-21 will no longer be followed moving into 21-22. Please see below:

- Daily temperature checks - No longer required
- Physical distancing in classroom - No longer required
- Lunch in alternative locations, including classrooms - No longer required
- Use of masks by both staff and students 10 and older - No longer required, but optional

## **Masks & Hand Sanitation**

These will be available for anyone who chooses to wear a mask or sanitize their hands

## **Remote Learning Model -**

This instructional model will only be utilized in special circumstances approved by the administration. Students who either have been exposed to COVID-19 or who have contracted the virus will be placed on Remote Instruction while at home.

## **Special Education & 504**

- ARD/504 Committees will determine the unique needs of each student who receives special education instruction/504 related services and will make service recommendations for students, including with respect to health and safety.
- Progress will be monitored and ARD/504 committees will convene as needed to make appropriate recommendations to meet the individual needs of students.

## **Instructional Schedule**

Daily: 8:00AM - 3:25PM - see website for more details

## **Visitors**

Parents, community members, and visitors will all be welcomed at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. We do ask that if you have been exposed to the virus or have flu-like symptoms that you avoid coming to the district.

## **Cafeteria**

- Sanitation methods -recommended CDC protocols for cleaning areas will be followed by all staff members. The following link contains CDC protocols, which we will be following by all to the best of our ability. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>
- Cleaning/Sanitation will be completed after each seating.
- Lunches will be staggered starting 10:25-1:00 daily.

## **Gym/Athletics**

- Forthcoming UIL guidelines will provide direction concerning Extracurricular activities
- Sanitation methods -recommended CDC protocols for cleaning areas will be followed by staff members.
- Cleaning/Sanitation will be completed daily. Athletic attire will be washed daily.

## **Home Sporting Events**

- All fans and parents will be allowed to attend all CISD sporting events.
- Any individual(s) who are confirmed to have, suspected of having, are experiencing symptoms of, or have been in close contact with an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19 should not enter the facility.

## **Playground**

- May be utilized for all students.
- Cleaning/Sanitation will be completed daily.

## **Improved Ventilation**

- Services will be provided for air conditioner maintenance and filtration system media has been upgraded to increase better filtration and air flow.
- Windows on buses will be open as feasible to increase outdoor fresh air ventilation

## **Classrooms**

- Cleaning/Sanitation will be completed daily.
- VP200ESK Cordless Electrostatic Handheld Sprayer for Disinfectants, Pesticides, Sanitizers, Degreasers have been purchased for each school building and one for the buses to be used daily.

### **Hallways/Restroom**

- Sanitation spray will be utilized frequently throughout the day.
- Staff will spray as needed. Maintenance staff will have scheduled cleaning throughout the day so that it is cleaned multiple times throughout the day.

### **Waterfountains**

- Opened
- Students will be allowed to bring water bottles or clear plastic containers for water. ONLY water is allowed in classrooms. If more water is needed, a staff member will be of assistance.

### **Band Hall**

- Sanitation methods will be practiced before students enter the bandhall and following class.
- Students will be walked back and forth from their class in a fashion that is orderly and safe.

### **Library**

- Libraries will remain open. Open times will be in the morning and afternoon.
- Area will be sprayed with sanitation frequently throughout the day.
- Books that are returned will be kept on a cart. Books will be sanitized and then kept out of rotation for 2 days before being placed back on the shelf for student use. These will be labeled so staff knows when to reshelv books.

### **Computer Labs**

- Sanitation methods -recommended CDC protocols for cleaning areas will be followed by staff members.
- Computers and laptops will be sanitized after each use.

### **Buses/Transportation**

- Student transportation will be provided for the 2021-2022 school year as normal.
- Staff utilizing district vehicles will adhere to CDC protocols and vehicles will be sanitized upon return by staff.
- Windows on buses will be open as feasible to increase outdoor fresh air ventilation

CISD is committed to providing the safest and most efficient instructional environment for it's students.