

Lindale ISD COVID-19 Safety Procedures

Lindale ISD realizes that COVID-19 is a World Wide Pandemic and extra safety precautions must be taken to keep our students, parents, teachers, and staff members as safe as possible. For families who have health reasons or concerns, Lindale ISD will offer an At-Home Learning platform. There will be an application process for At-Home Learning. Lindale ISD has purchased CANVAS, an educational platform that teachers and students will use in the classroom and for At-Home Learning. Lindale ISD is receiving guidance from the Center of Disease Control (CDC), Texas Education Agency (TEA), Governor's Office, and State and Local Health Officials. ***Please note that these are general administrative procedures and guidelines and may be altered or changed at any time for the safety of our students, staff members and community. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 19th.***

Governor's Executive Order – Face masks or face coverings are required for people ages 10 and older while in public places. Lindale ISD employees will follow the Governor's order by wearing face coverings while on School Property. In the event the Governor lifts the order, Lindale ISD will give guidance to staff members, parents and students concerning face coverings. For more information concerning the Governor's Executive Order go to <https://lrl.texas.gov/scanned/govdocs/Greg%20Abbott/2020/GA-29.pdf>

Safety Procedures

Classrooms

- Classrooms will be cleaned multiple times per day
- Teachers and instructional staff will be trained in COVID-19 protocol
- Students will be required to wash hands multiple times per day
- Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer
- Students will be spaced apart as much as possible to help with social distancing
- Students will not be allowed to share supplies
- Water fountains will be strictly used for refilling water bottles, therefore students are encouraged to bring water bottles if needed
- Visitors will not be permitted in the classrooms

Bus/Transportation

- Buses will be cleaned twice per day – before every route
- Bus Drivers and Monitors will be trained in COVID-19 protocol
- Bus Drivers and Monitors will be required to wear masks
- Hand sanitizer will be available to students on each bus
- Students will be spaced apart as much as possible
- Parents and families are encouraged to use personal vehicles as much as possible to decrease the number of students on buses
- Special needs students or medically fragile students may consider adjustments to class schedule – Ex: Late pickup in the morning and/or early drop-off in the afternoon

Cafeteria

- Cafeteria tables will be cleaned after each student setting or lunch period
- Cafeteria staff members will be trained in COVID-19 protocol
- Students will be spaced apart as much as possible to help with social distancing
- Lunch times may be altered to allow fewer students in the cafeteria at one time
- All school staff members will be required to wear masks in the cafeteria while assisting students
- Visitors will not be allowed during lunchtime to help with social distancing

Hallways

- Elementary students will walk in uniform lines with all students facing the same direction on the right side of the hallways
- Water fountains will be strictly used for refilling water bottles, therefore students are encouraged to bring water bottles if needed

Playgrounds

- Playground equipment will be cleaned multiple times per day
- Students will be required to use hand sanitizer before using the playgrounds

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Student Infection

- ❖ A students with confirmed case will quarantine at home for a minimum of 10 days – (At-Home Learning)
- ❖ Parents of students who may have been exposed by an infected student will be notified via email of the confirmed case (Because of FERPA, individual names of infected students will not be disclosed)
- ❖ Student screening will take place at the beginning of the school year and each week with cooperation of parents and families
- ❖ Classroom and spaces of an infected student will immediately receive a deep cleaning
- ❖ Students exposed to an infected student will be monitored for 10 days by the school nurse and at home by parents. Parents of exposed students may choose to quarantine their children and use At-Home Learning during the 10 day period
- ❖ Each campus will have an isolation room for any students showing symptoms of the virus
- ❖ Students diagnosed with COVID-19 infection will be allowed to return to school with written medical clearance from a physician
- ❖ The District will provide the student's family with recommended practices from State Health Officials

Family Member Infection

- ❖ Lindale ISD requests that families notify the school about any confirmed case in the household
- ❖ Students that have a family member diagnosed with COVID-19 may be placed on At-Home Learning or monitored by school nurse and by parents

Teacher Infection

- ❖ A teachers with a confirmed case will be quarantine away from campus for a minimum of 10 days
- ❖ If health allows, an infected teacher will teach from home through CANVAS and other online resources
- ❖ While the teacher is out a substitute teacher will be placed in the classroom to monitor and help students
- ❖ Families of students that may have been exposed by an infected teacher will be notified of the infection via email (Because of FERPA laws, individual names of infected teachers or staff members will not be disclosed)

- ❖ Classroom and spaces of infected teacher will immediately receive a deeper cleaning before next school day
- ❖ A teacher diagnosed with COVID-19 must receive a written medical clearance before returning to campus

Staff Member Infection

- ❖ An infected staff member will quarantine away from school campuses for a minimum of 10 days
- ❖ The staff member will work at home if position and health allows
- ❖ The staff member's workspace will receive an immediate deeper cleaning
- ❖ Families of students that may have been exposed to an infected staff member will be notified via email
- ❖ Co-workers that may have been exposed to an infected staff member will be notified of confirmed case, and will follow district protocol
- ❖ Lindale ISD will require staff members to conduct daily self-screenings
- ❖ An infected staff member will be allowed to return to work with written medical clearance from a physician

Classroom and Campus Infection

- ❖ Cumulative Class and Campus Infections will be tracked and monitored daily and weekly. If a class or campus infection rate is drastically increasing, the district will look at quarantining an individual classroom, campus or the entire district for at least 14 days. During this period students and teachers will use CANVAS for At-Home Learning.

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