

Early Independent School District

“What starts here, changes the world!”

Early ISD 2021-2022 Safe Return to School Plan

Early ISD is committed to the health and safety of every student and staff member as well as our community. We will follow the guidance and best practices of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), Brown County Health Department, Texas Education Agency (TEA), and local governance.

General Health & Safety Protocols (1/27/22)

- During lunches, visitors will be limited and or not allowed.
- Students will be able to utilize all lockers.
- In buses, classrooms, and cafeterias, students may experience assigned seating.
- Vaccines, **while not required**, are available from the Brownwood / Brown County Health Department and select Brownwood pharmacies for individuals 12 years old and older. Information can be found at [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)

Health Self-Screening for Staff & Students (1/27/22)

- Students and staff should self-screen for illness symptoms daily before arriving at school. The best way to prevent the spread of illness in our schools is to stay home when ill. Students and staff should not attend school if they have a fever of 100.0 F or higher or new onset symptoms of illness.
- Students and staff may be subject to temperature check if they are feeling ill or suspected of having a fever during the school day.
- As outlined in TEA’s August 5, 2021 [Public Health Guidance](#), given the data from 2020-21 showing very low COVID-19 transmission rates in a classroom setting and data demonstrating lower transmission rates among children than adults, school systems are not required to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing.

Confirmed with COVID-19

- Lab-confirmed COVID-19 must be reported to campus/district administration. Early ISD.
- Unless otherwise directed by a medical professional Early ISD will only require the sick individual to remain home for a period of 5 days.
- Individuals must be fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications before returning to school or work.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Masks (1/27/22)

- No employee, student, or visitor is required to wear a mask or face covering but all employees, students, and visitors are allowed to wear a mask or face covering, if they choose to do so.
- Early ISD expects all students, employees, and visitors to respect the choice of others in regard to the wearing of masks or face coverings.
- Early ISD will continue to provide PPE appropriate for all employees by request.

Handwashing & Hand Sanitizers (8/20/21)

- Primary and Elementary teachers are encouraged to supervise student handwashing for 20 seconds at least two times each day. All students and staff are encouraged to wash hands after using the restroom and before eating.
- Handwashing stations are available in restrooms and some classrooms.
- Hand sanitizer continues to be available in each classroom and commons areas.

Cleaning & Disinfectant Protocols (8/20/21)

- Cleaning and disinfecting occurs daily in every classroom, commons area, and on high-touch surfaces.
- Every classroom and office area have disinfectant in a spray bottle with cleaning cloths provided for employees and students to use in high-touch areas throughout the school day.

Academic Services (8/20/21)

Early ISD is committed to providing rigorous, TEKS-based instruction to all students. We will offer face-to-face instruction for all students for the 2021-2022 school year. Students who medically require home-based remote instruction will be served. Contact your campus administration for services.

Early ISD intends to continue to use both local and federal funds to purchase instructional materials to address the academic needs of all students, to close learning gaps, provide teacher training in best practices, and implement strategies to address social and emotional needs of students.

Communication (1/27/22)

- The District and campuses will communicate official EISD news using Parentsquare, websites, and social media accounts.