

POTEET ISD

SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION
AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN



2021-2022

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For more information, please visit the following website:

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>

Part 1: School Safety

PREVENTION:

Universal and correct wearing of masks

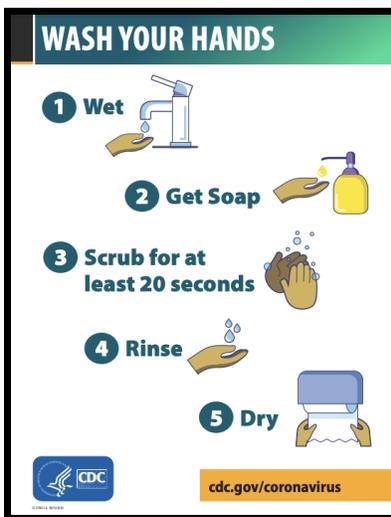
Masks and face coverings are optional for both students and staff.

- [Please visit the CDC website for more information regarding face coverings and masks.](#)

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

The best way to prevent COVID-19 is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19, which is thought to spread mainly from person to person. Another key preventive action is to regularly clean hands. [Cleaning hands at key times](#) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water is not readily available is one of the most important steps a person can take to avoid getting sick. This helps prevent a variety of infections because:

- People frequently touch their eyes, nose, and mouth without even realizing it. Germs can get into the body through the mouth, nose, and eyes and make us sick.
- Germs from unwashed hands can be transferred to other objects, like handrails, tabletops, or keyboards, and then be transferred to another person's hands.
- Removing germs through handwashing therefore helps prevent diarrhea and respiratory infections and may even help prevent skin and eye infections.



For more information, see [CDC's Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives](#) website.

MITIGATE:

Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

Poteet ISD will continue our commitment to maintaining a comprehensive clean and safe school environment. In the event of a positive COVID-19 case, the continued use of foggers and disinfectant protocols will be enacted. Poteet ISD will continue to follow all recommended CDC guidance.

As part of the ESSER funds for 2021-2024, Poteet ISD will identify and replace outdated ventilation equipment and systems to improve the indoor air quality. These specifics will be outlined in the ESSER Use of Funds Plan.

Diagnostic and screening testing

Poteet ISD encourages students (and parents) and staff to complete a **self screener** prior to coming on campus. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please stay home.

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following:

COVID-19 Symptoms		
<i>Question: Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?</i>		
Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit	Loss of taste or smell	Cough
Difficulty breathing	Shortness of breath	Fatigue
Headache	Chills	Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose	Shaking or exaggerated shivering	Significant muscle pain or ache
Diarrhea	Nausea or vomiting	

Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities

Poteet ISD is committed to working with community partners to provide information and access to vaccination opportunities.

Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies

Poteet ISD will evaluate and provide appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities in accordance with health and safety policies, with respect to their individual disability needs, as outlined in their Individualized Education Plan (Special Education), or Individualized Accommodation Plan (504).

School Visits

Poteet ISD will continue to restrict visits in schools to only those essential to school operations.

Transportation

1. Poteet ISD will encourage students and staff to use hand sanitizer upon boarding the bus.
2. When possible, Poteet ISD will open windows to allow outside air to circulate in the bus.
3. Poteet ISD will continue to follow recommended CDC guidance. Given this, Poteet ISD, at our discretion may apply additional cleaning practices in sanitizing buses, such as thoroughly cleaning after each bus trip, focusing on high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles. During cleaning, it is recommended that windows be opened to allow for additional ventilation and air flow.

Coordination with State and local health officials

Poteet ISD is committed to working with community partners to provide the most up to date and comprehensive response to our student and staff needs.

Click here to view our [POTEET ISD ACTIVE COVID CASES DASHBOARD](#)

Poteet ISD has designated Ms. Ruth Martinez, RN, BSN (District Nurse) as the staff member responsible for responding to COVID-10 concerns. Ms. Martinez will be assisted by campus nurses. Contact information is 830-276-4401 or rmartinez@poteetisd.org

Self-Quarantine of Employees/Students Exposed to COVID-19

- Employees who test positive or show symptoms for COVID-19, are **required** to notify their supervisor and are unable to return to work until required criteria are met.
- Students who test positive for COVID-19, are **required** to notify their campus nurse and are unable to return to school until required criteria are met.
- School systems are not required to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing. If a school system is made aware that a student is a close contact, the school shall notify the student's parent or guardian.
- Schools will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a classroom or extracurricular or after-school program cohort if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participated in those classrooms or cohorts.

Contact of a Contact

- Someone I was around was exposed to someone with COVID-19



- My status = Clear to be on campus. Does not require self-quarantine.

Direct Exposure/Close Contact - Scenario #1

- **SCENARIO #1 - Fully Vaccinated**

It has been 2 weeks or more since my final dose of the vaccine, I have provided proof of vaccination **AND** I do not have any current symptoms of COVID-19.

- I was in Close Contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Close Contact = Guidance outlined by CDC, which notes that individuals who are vaccinated are not considered close contacts.



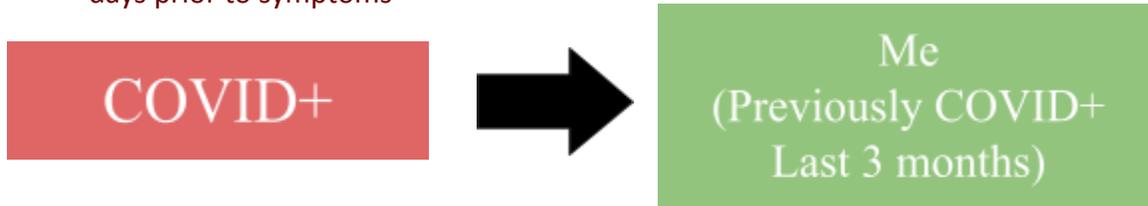
- My status = Clear to be on campus. Does not require self-quarantine if all the above criteria is met.

Direct Exposure/Close Contact - Scenario #2

- **SCENARIO #2 - Previously COVID+**

I have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 3 months, I have provided proof of vaccination.

- I was in Close Contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Close Contact = Within 3 feet, for 15 cumulative minutes during last 24 hours, starting from 2 days prior to symptoms

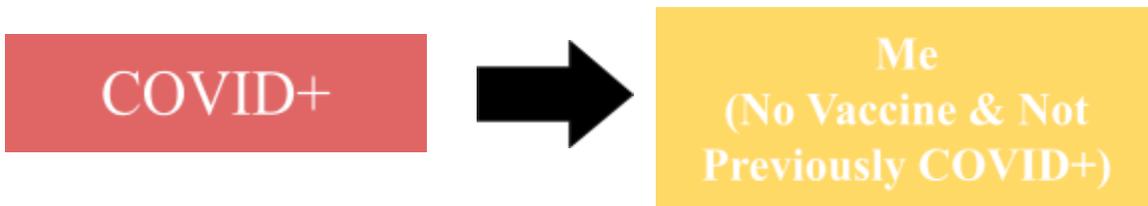


- My status = Clear to be on campus. Does not require self-quarantine.

Direct Exposure/Close Contact - Scenario #3

- **SCENARIO #3 - NOT Fully Vaccinated & NOT previously COVID+**

I am not vaccinated, or I have not completed the final dose of the vaccine, or it has not been longer than 2 weeks since my last dose; AND, I have not previously tested positive for COVID within the last 3 months.



- Staff status = Self monitor and test every other day for 10 days if staff opts to remain on campus.
- If you test positive or show symptoms of COVID-19, notify your supervisor or campus nurse
- Parents of students who are determined to be close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 **may opt** to keep their students at home during the recommended stay-at-home period. If parents opt to keep students home, a return date will be given. Students will need to remain off campus until that date or a negative covid test is received. Parents are encouraged to closely monitor their children for symptoms for two weeks following exposure.

Positive Test for COVID-19

- I tested positive for COVID-19 and have provided a copy of my test results to HR.

ME: COVID+

- My status = Not clear to be on campus. Requires 10-day self-quarantine.
- After an employee/student tests positive for COVID-19, per CDC guidelines they can be around others when:
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND**
 - 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **AND**
 - Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

Part 2: Response to Student and Staff Needs

Attendance and Enrollment

Per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in force during the 2021-22 school year.

Poteet ISD will only offer in-person classes next school year and will discontinue all permanent, remote learning due to HB 1468, a bill that would fund schools conducting remote learning, failed in the Texas Legislature on June 9th.

- For students, whose parents report a close contact with COVID-19, will be offered a test, in an effort to reduce the number of absences and return to school.
- Students **MUST** attend school 90% of instructional days, to receive credit, and be eligible for promotion.

Addressing students' academic needs

As part of the ESSER funds for 2021-2024, Poteet ISD will identify services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students and staff social and emotional learning.

These specifics will be outlined in the ESSER Use of Funds Plan.

- Summer teacher planning
- Targeted interventions
- Intervention resources
- Class size reduction
- Instructional support services
- Technology upgrades
- Diagnostic assessments
- Tutorial services
- Accelerated Instruction Plans
- District committees
- Continuous progress monitoring for each student
- Partnering with all stakeholders to support student academic needs

Response to students' social, emotional, and mental health needs

- 7 Mindsets
- T-Chat for telehealth medicine for psychiatric services (referral completed with campus/ district counselors)
- District counselor referrals via Google Form or on campus forms
- Additional licensed professional counselor to provide on campus services
- Enrichment Summer Camp

Response to staff social, emotional, and mental health needs

- Deer Oak Employee assistance program
- 7 Mindsets
- District counselor referrals
- District Mentor program

Response to Parental Involvement

- Empowering parents to be their child's first teacher
- 7 Mindset newsletter/parent presentation
- Laurel Ridge parent night presentation
- Encourage parents to participate in the Title I meeting
- TCHAT family counseling
- Parent Volunteer Recruitment
- Parent, student, teacher survey
- Invite parents to the Parent Involvement conference
- Invite parents to all Region 20 parent trainings

Response to Food Service needs

Poteet ISD is committed to continuing our safe and healthy meal programs. Needs will be assessed and updated as needed

Part 3: Plan for ESSER funds

Stakeholder Meetings

Initial meetings took place on the following dates:

- Staff Input: May 24, 2021
- Student Input: May 25, 2021
- Public Survey Posted: June 2, 2021
- Public Hearing: June 21, 2021 7:00 pm @ Poteet Intermediate Library

Additional semester meetings involving staff, students, and parents will take place to evaluate the progress and any additional needs for the district. Poteet ISD will revise its plan to be consistent with updated CDC requirements.

Accessibility Formats will be available upon request.