

COVID-19 “Safe Return to School Plan”

Forsan ISD

June 2021 update

Summary: *Current plans for the August 2021 return to school are an anticipated “return to normal” in most areas. This means that masks are optional in all areas of the school and on buses.*

Virtual Learning: FISD is awaiting the details of new rule making at the State level as it pertains to at-home virtual learning options. (Special Session?) If allowed, virtual learning will be used as an option for only very limited situations and those situations will require special permissions. Examples may include but not be limited to COVID-19 positive tests or exposure, and Homebound services. Forsan ISD believes that in-person teaching and learning is best in almost all cases.

Cleaning: Forsan ISD will continue to deep clean areas that may have been contaminated by any contagious disease which includes COVID-19. Cleaning may include a misting machine which will be used only when students are not immediately present.

Emphasis on personal hygiene: FISD will continue to encourage and emphasize proper hand washing, coughing/sneezing into the elbow, and staying home from school when symptomatic. Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be made available throughout both campuses.

Masks: All areas of the two campuses and the transportation system will be open to optional mask wearing. There are times that masks are highly encouraged for students and staff. Please be aware that mask rules as well as other pandemic related rules are subject to change based on the current rate of infection and other indicators. Sponsors of extracurricular activities have the authority to add dress code or behavior expectation for their participants which may include masks in certain circumstances.

Close Contact Tracing: Forsan ISD will cooperate with all rules related to close contact tracing. The Health Department is the authority on this in most cases. TEA and CDC rules will be

followed and suggestions will be taken into consideration as we seek to keep students, staff, and the public safe. FISD will notify the Texas Department of State Health Services (also acts as the local health department) when we are aware of any positive tests among staff, students, or visitors.

Parental/Staff/Community Notification: FISD will continue to update the charts on the COVID-19 page of our website (forsan.esc18.net/page/covid-19-information-page) showing the date of the positive test, the status (student, staff), campus (elementary, secondary, or both), and student grade level as appropriate.

Administrative responses to COVID-19 outbreaks, the flu and other communicable diseases may differ from the “plan” based on the severity of the outbreak. FISD will seek to keep parents, students, staff and the community updated on all such changes.