



La Grange Independent School District

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Dear La Grange ISD Families:

We are excited and looking forward to the beginning of the new school year 2021-22! School districts are required by the Texas Education Agency to have a "Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan" (RIPICS) for the upcoming year. La Grange ISD has been planning for 100% in-person learning. The plan is posted on the [La Grange ISD website](#). In reviewing the plan, you will see the district is planning to return to a normal (pre-pandemic) status as much as possible even with the recent increases in the number of COVID cases due to the new variant. The State of Texas will not fund a remote learning option, so all students will be required to return to in-person learning for the new school year.

In May, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-36 which prohibits school districts from legally requiring masks or any type of face coverings for students or staff. Individuals may voluntarily wear a face covering if they choose to do so. The CDC has recommended that students and staff wear a face covering, but again, there is no state requirement to do so.

We want to maintain a healthy school environment for everyone on campuses. We do ask that parents report confirmed cases to our school nurses. As a district, we are still required to report positive cases to state health authorities. We will not conduct close contact tracing and there are no requirements for quarantining individuals who had close contact or were exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID. There will no longer be school wide notifications for positive cases or posting of positive cases on the website.

Please know the CDC has recommended that for individuals who do test positive, they should self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test. Before returning to school, the individual should be fever free for 24 hours without any fever reducing medications. The District will continue to have students sent home who have a fever, diarrhea, vomiting, who have lost taste or smell or display symptoms of illness. Absences for COVID will be treated like absences for any other illness. Missed school assignments will be sent for homework.

Please take time to review the RIPICS plan and should you have any questions, feel free to call any of the campus offices, the district office, or send an email to info@lgisd.net. Please be aware that guidelines/protocols could change should the Texas Education Agency or the Department of State Health Services notify schools of new standards to follow. If guidelines/protocols do change, you will be notified.

We are looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

William (Bill) D. Wagner
Superintendent