



Eden CISD Blueprint for 2021-22



GENERAL INFORMATION

Eden CISD is excited to welcome all our students back when school begins on August 18. Eden CISD is committed to creating a safe environment for all students. Safety measures will be in place, as well as protocols outlined to ensure the safety of our learners and staff. Eden CISD will not offer virtual learning. The legislation (HB 1468) providing the necessary funding for public schools to offer virtual learning was not passed during the regular 87th Texas Legislative Session.

PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Several safety protocols will be in place for in-person learning. Even though the transmission of COVID in schools is lower, it is still critical that we implement and layer prevention strategies, such as:

- Maintaining at least 3 feet of physical distance as much as possible
- Handwashing and coughing/sneezing etiquette
- Teaching and reinforcing handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Reminding everyone to wash hands frequently.
- Using hand sanitizer when hand washing is not possible.
- Teaching coughing/sneezing into your sleeve or tissue to prevent spread of germs.
- Disinfecting surfaces regularly after use.
- Staying home when sick – It is essential that parents keep children home if they are showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness. Seek care from a physician if conditions are severe.

CAMPUS VISITORS

If the visitor displays any symptoms related to COVID-19, we encourage visitors not to enter the facility. To maintain safe social distancing, Eden CISD will not permit visitors in the cafeteria during meals.

SANITIZATION PROTOCOL

Classrooms and restrooms will be disinfected daily and in between class periods. In addition, all hightouch areas will be disinfected daily, and the cafeteria will be disinfected during and between lunch periods. Staff will be trained on how to properly disinfect classrooms, and they will have access to disinfectant to sanitize working surfaces, collaboration areas and shared objects after each use and during breaks of instruction.

Please note: Since this is an ever-changing situation, the district may need to change protocols at any time to address specific needs based on the recommendations of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) or other public health authorities. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.

Students and staff will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands. Requirements for handwashing and/or use of district-provided hand sanitizer include:

- Provide hand sanitizer upon entry to classroom.
- Periodic reminders from teachers to use the sanitizer during instructional day.
- Thorough hand washing after recess, before eating and following restroom breaks.

FACE COVERINGS/PPE

Eden CISD will adhere to the Executive Order No. GA-36 relating to the prohibition of governmental entities and officials from mandating face coverings. Please know students and staff are permitted to wear face coverings if they choose. The district will support any student or staff member who wishes to continue to wear a mask.

SCREENING

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed below) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.

Self-Assessment - Do you have a fever of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher? Have you had any of the following? Have you been around anyone who is COVID-19 positive?

- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache

NOTIFICATION PROCESS

In the case of an individual - student or staff member - who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:

- At least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications); AND
- The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); AND
- At least 10 calendar days have passed since the positive test result or symptom onset

IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE COVID-19 CASES ON CAMPUS

When a student displays COVID-19 symptoms, school personnel will provide a clinical assessment to determine when a student needs to be sent home. Students who are displaying COVID-19 symptoms will be separated from their peers and should be picked up no later than one hour from the time the campus contacted the student's parent/guardian. Other students will be removed from the classroom and taken to an alternate location on campus (e.g., go on a walk outside, move to a different classroom, etc.) so that the classroom can be disinfected. Students who report feeling feverish will be evaluated to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

The following protocol will be put into place should a student or staff member who has been in a school tests positive:

- District will notify the local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Schools must close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than 7 days have already passed since that person was on campus.
- District communication will be provided to staff and the parents of students who were identified as potential close contacts of a COVID-19 positive student or staff member.

EXTRACURRICULAR

UIL practices and contests will be conducted following safety protocols provided by guidance from UIL and TEA.

This guidance is subject to change as we receive updates from TEA and other local health organizations.