

# **ESSER Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan COVID-19 “Safe Return to School Plan”**

Forsan ISD

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**Summary:** *Forsan ISD will continue to seek to protect students and staff while holding in-person classes. This document seeks to address each of the CDC Safety Recommendations.*

**Promoting vaccination** – Forsan ISD hosted a vaccination clinic in conjunction with the annual registration of students. The superintendent will provide information to staff members about community vaccination opportunities. (Scenic Mountain Medical Center is providing drive-up vaccination clinics on most Thursday afternoons. Various local physicians, and local pharmacies are also currently offering COVID-19 vaccinations.)

**Consistent and correct mask use** – FISD will work to create a mask-friendly environment in which mask wearing is allowed and even encouraged. FISD will comply with current rules related to mask wearing. Currently, masks are not required. Staff will assist in helping students know how to wear masks correctly. Masks will be made available on each campus for anyone who desires to wear one (while supplies last).

**Physical distancing** – FISD will encourage physical distancing among staff and students. Various routines have been adjusted to assist with this (for example, 6<sup>th</sup> graders are dropped off and wait for the bell in the auditorium now). There are other areas where 6-foot separation is not possible. Masks are encouraged in those situations. Personal responsibility is stressed.

**Screening testing to promptly identify cases, clusters, and outbreaks** – Forsan ISD has been a testing center for very specific purposes (For example, to comply with close contact staffing rules). FISD will seek to provide that opportunity in very limited situations and will cooperate with local testing providers to assure access. Tests kits are becoming out-of-date so this option will end soon.

**Ventilation** - Each campus continues to be “aired out” on a regular basis. This will continue dependent on weather conditions. This positively impacts the hallways the most and provides limited assistance in individual classrooms.

**Handwashing and respiratory etiquette** – FISD will continue to teach proper handwashing techniques (nurse, classroom teachers, posters) and will encourage coughing/sneezing into the elbow of the arm. Hand sanitation stations are offered throughout both campuses in addition to the sinks/soap.

**Staying home when sick and getting tested** – Both campus office staffs will continue to work with families in helping to encourage the “stay at home while sick” message. FISD will comply with current TEA rules related to sending students home.

**Contact tracing, in combination with isolation and quarantine** – FISD will continue to post information on our website ([forsan.esc18.net/page/covid-19-information-page](https://forsan.esc18.net/page/covid-19-information-page)) so that parents can help us watch for outbreaks. The listing will include students and staff in a fairly generic way in order to protect the privacy of those infected. Reports will also be made to the Department of State Health Services as required.

**Cleaning and disinfecting** - 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.

**Continuity of Services** (Academic Issues) Virtual learning has been severely limited as an option by State law. It will be used as an option for only very limited situations that comply with current law and current district policies, 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. FISD is fully open and working to provide a high quality education to all students. Individuals are encouraged to discuss any concerns with campus administrators or the superintendent. Our counselors and administrators are working to provide as “normal” an educational environment as possible and are actively seeking to address social, emotional and mental health issues. Staff completed the “Mental Health First Aid” training provided through

the West Texas Centers in the spring of 2021. Food service is providing free breakfast and lunches to all students. Fisd is cooperating with the West Texas Food Pantry to assist families in need. The Fisd superintendent will participate in the Howard County Emergency Management weekly meetings.

Administrative responses to COVID-19 outbreaks, the flu and other communicable diseases may differ from the “plan” based on the severity of the outbreak and/or changes in various governing bodies’ rules. Fisd will seek to keep parents, students, staff and the community updated on all such changes.