



STAMFORD ISD
RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION
AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES (RIPICS) PLAN

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In order to comply with Section 2001 (i) (1) of the ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education's Interim Final Rule, each school district that receives ARP ESSER III funds is required to submit a plan that describes how it will safely return to in-person instruction and ensure continuity of services, including school districts that have already returned to in-person instruction. This plan is published on the district's webpage.

In this plan, you will find the most up to date information for Stamford ISD. The details in this document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities, health officials or as conditions change. Please visit <https://www.stamford.esc14.net/documents/public-info%2Frequired-postings/esser-iii-information/394637> for any future revisions or updates.

As always, the safety and security of Stamford ISD students, families, teachers, and staff is our top priority.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III)

The purpose of ARP and ESSER III funds is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of school and address the impacts of COVID-19 on the

nation's students by addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. This plan describes how Stamford ISD will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other district staff during and following the return to in-person instruction. Stamford ISD is planning to continue in-person learning five days a week for all students beginning on August 16, 2023. We look forward to an amazing school year!

Continuity of Educational Services/Instructional Information

- **Face-to-Face Instruction and Remote/Virtual Learning**

Stamford ISD does not plan to offer parents the option for remote/virtual learning except for quarantine due to COVID. All students will be required to attend school Face-to-Face and attend school according to compulsory attendance laws.

- **Transportation Procedures**

- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day **prior** to sending their student to board the bus or drop off in the morning.
- A student should not board the bus or attend school if they have a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit and guidelines must be followed before he/she is allowed to return to school.
- Buses will be regularly cleaned, focusing on the high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles.

Health Planning Guidance

Prevention:

- All teachers and staff will be required to complete a self-screening process for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day. Teachers and staff must report to the school system if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms, as listed below, or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.

Maintaining Health and Safety:

Stamford ISD has taken and will continue to take actions to ensure the health and safety of students, educators, and other district staff. Stamford ISD will maintain health and safety by the following practices –

Practices to respond to individuals confirmed or suspected with COVID-19

- Any individuals who themselves either:
 - o are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or
 - o experience the symptoms of COVID-19, should stay at home throughout the infection period, and should not return to campus until the individual meets the criteria for re-entry.

Mitigation Practices

- ☐ Hand sanitizing stations located at campus facilities
- ☐ All employees will be trained to specifically follow health safety protocols
- ☐ Clean and disinfect each building regularly, with special attention to frequently touched surfaces
- ☐ Ensure that adequate cleaning supplies are available for staff use
- ☐ Pursue efforts to improve indoor air quality
- ☐ Low student to staff ratio to help with physical distancing in classrooms as much as is possible
- ☐ Staff will monitor the classrooms, hallways, playground, and cafeteria to promote proper hygiene, handwashing, and respiratory etiquette.
- ☐ On June 5, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-36 relating to the prohibition of governmental entities and officials from mandatory face covering or restricting activities in response to the COVID-19 disaster. The order prohibits the requirement to wear a mask (masks are optional), but all staff and students are still encouraged to wear masks when in the building, classroom, and/or office with others and when not able to social distance.
- ☐ Athletics and extracurricular activities will be conducted in alignment with UIL guidelines
- ☐ Communicate information regarding availability of vaccinations
- ☐ Communicate and coordinate regarding students with disabilities with

respect to health and safety protocols

- ❑ Stamford ISD may provide signage and materials that promote healthy hygiene

Addressing Student Academic Needs:

Stamford ISD's system for tracking academic progress to inform instruction and provide regular feedback to students regarding their progress will include the following:

- Three week progress reports
- Formative assessments
- Diagnostic assessments as appropriate (such as NWEA MAP testing)
- State mandates progress monitoring assessments

Addressing Student and Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs:

Stamford ISD will prioritize the implementation of SEL curriculum as well as increasing the availability of counseling services.

Notice:

SISD's Communication Plan for Parents and the Public

- Stamford ISD website (<https://www.stamford.esc14.net/documents/public-info%2Frequired-postings/esser-iii-information/394637>)
- Stamford ISD School Messenger Notification System
- Stamford district and campus Facebook page and Twitter accounts

For questions or concerns contact, Robbie Phillips, Superintendent at 325-773-2705.

* The Stamford ISD RIPICS plan was developed through information from a survey that was distributed to community members, parents, students and staff. In addition, stakeholder meetings were held on June 21, 2021, July 12, 2021 and will be held on August 4, 2021. The plan will be reviewed regularly and no less than every 6 months.