



Woodville Independent School District

Strong Start 2022-2023

Return to Learn & Continuity of Instruction Plan

The conditions surrounding COVID are continually evolving, therefore the District's plan will be constantly evaluated and adapted as needed.

Woodville ISD will abide by all current Texas Governor Orders and guidance provided by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and Texas Education Agency (TEA). It is Woodville ISD's expectation that students, staff and community will comply with all public health procedures and protocols described in this document while engaged in school district activities per the District's current policies, rules, and regulations.

Introduction

As Woodville ISD begins the 2022-2023 school year amid the continuing challenges associated with the COVID pandemic, we want to assure parents, students, and community that we continue to be committed to following health and safety guidelines to provide a safe work and learning environment for our students and our staff. We are as equally committed and focused on providing high-quality instruction to all students.

We will continue to consult and consider available guidance through governmental agencies, the state and local health authorities and any other information deemed relevant to monitor the situation and update this plan as needed. The District will comply with applicable federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards, and accessibility standards to address individual needs.

District Contacts

Woodville ISD has designated staff members responsible for responding to COVID questions as applicable to the respective department or campus. Staff members should address questions to their immediate supervisor. Supervisors may redirect staff to Central Office as necessary.

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Health and Safety Measures

Infection Control Measures

- Face masks/face coverings are not required nor are they prohibited. Students and staff are encouraged to wear face coverings if they determine it is in their best interest to do so. Face coverings include cloth masks, gaiters, face shields or anything else that provides covering over the nose and mouth for health and wellness reasons.
- Students are encouraged to bring personal water bottles/containers for use during the school day. Water fountains will be available for students use as well as for refilling water containers
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom, entrances, and throughout common spaces across the district

- Staff will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize hands
- In addition to signage, students will have instruction on effective handwashing. Elementary/Intermediate students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer before eating, following restroom breaks and after recess. All secondary students (6-12) will be encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer regularly.
- Students, staff, and visitors will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, cover in their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, hands should be washed immediately or hand sanitizer should be used.

Health Screenings

- Staff, students, and visitors will self-screen for illness, including COVID symptoms, before coming onto campus each day
- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their young students for illness, including COVID symptoms, each day prior to sending their students to school
- Staff, parents, and students should not enter school facilities and are required to notify their campus office immediately should they experience any symptoms related to COVID or any other infectious disease or highly contagious illness.

Campus Operations

- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom, at entrances, and throughout common spaces
- Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected multiple times throughout the day
- Classrooms will be cleaned daily. Students (age-appropriate) and staff will have access to disinfectant wipes and will be encouraged to clean personal spaces throughout the day.
- Campuses will develop schedules and protocols for the use of common areas (labs, flexible spaces, libraries, conference rooms, etc.) Hand sanitizer will be available in all common areas.
- Procedures and protocols are in place to address health and safety needs in locker rooms. Protocols will be in place for disinfecting equipment, students changing clothes, students showering, etc.

Visitors

- All visitors must comply with campus and district procedures and safety and security protocols at all times.
- Non-emergency drop-offs...i.e. snacks, lunch, instruments, missing school supplies, etc. are not permitted.
- Visitors should self-monitor and not enter district facilities should they experience any symptoms related to COVID or any other infectious disease or highly contagious illness.

Breakfast / Lunch

- Cafeteria staff will follow all health & safety protocols established by the state and district
- Cafeteria staff will wear gloves and hair coverings while preparing and/or serving meals
- Students will be discouraged from sharing food or drink
- Students will discard any leftover or extra food
- All tables will be sanitized between lunch periods
- Students must either bring their lunch with them to school in the morning or eat a school-provided meal (free.) Parents may not drop-off food items for lunch.
- Parents, guardians, and other relatives are welcome to eat lunch with their child(ren) with the understanding that they must comply with campus procedures and with district safety and security protocols for access to school facilities.
- Parents/guardians may bring lunch items for their child(ren) only when coming to eat with them. Lunch drop-offs are not allowed.

Transportation

- Ridership on buses will remain at typical district capacity.
- Parents are encouraged to transport their children to school daily as it is the safest means of transportation in regards to limiting contact with other students
- To support safety and security protocols and effectively manage student behavior, students will be assigned seats, and a seating chart will be maintained by the bus driver
- All buses will have hand sanitizer dispensers placed in the stairwells for use when loading/unloading
- Routes may be temporarily suspended or eliminated due to availability of drivers and/or monitors
- Bus riders will be picked up and dropped off at their designated location(s) only.
- Bus riders may not switch buses to ride home with friends or to be dropped off at alternate locations.
- No other students will be allowed to ride buses to and from school (i.e. friends going home with another student who regularly rides the bus, etc.)

Instructional Delivery Models

On-Campus Learning

- Students will attend school on a regular instructional schedule and will engage in face-to-face learning on campus all day, every day
- Available for all students in Prekindergarten through Grade 12
- Students in grade Pre-K-2 will be assigned home classrooms but may transition to other classrooms/building as part of their daily schedule

- Students in grades 3-12 will follow their class schedules by transitioning to different classrooms/buildings for course instruction
- Preventative safety measures will be implemented as described previously

School Day & School Calendar:

The district retains the right to adjust the daily schedule and school calendar as needed in response to emergency or crisis situations to ensure compliance with state regulations regarding mandatory instructional time.

Absences

- State compulsory attendance guidelines must be met in order to prevent truancy and receive credit for grade-level promotion and/or graduation.
- Students will follow campus procedures for absences regarding required documentation, missed instruction and make-up work.
- Information on attendance requirements and guidelines can be found in the Campus Student Handbook or by contacting the campus office.

COVID and Infectious Disease Response Protocols

Notification Procedures

- Any required notifications of positive COVID cases or information related to any other infectious disease or highly contagious illness, will be made through notes sent home and/or via campus/grade level/extracurricular Remind groups. It is important that all parents/guardians opt in to receive these messages.

School Nurse Procedures

- Students or staff who present with symptoms of COVID or any other infectious disease or highly contagious illness at school, will be evaluated and assessed by the school nurse
- The school nurse will provide parents information regarding recommendations for follow-up by medical personnel and any local, state, and federal guidelines for removal from school, required isolation/quarantine, and return to school criteria.

Students and Staff Who Have COVID or another Infectious Disease

- As provided in the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students and staff from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID or any other infectious disease or highly contagious illness.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has symptoms of COVID or any other infectious disease or highly contagious illness.
- Staff members must not report to work if they have symptoms of COVID or any other infectious disease or highly contagious illness.

Students and Staff Who Are Close Contacts

- Student and staff isolation and/or quarantines for close contact are no longer required.

Return To School Criteria

All students and personnel who have tested positive or experience symptoms of COVID or any other infectious disease or highly contagious illness will comply with local and state criteria for returning to school in order to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all persons in the district.

In addition to any other required criteria specific to the illness or disease, the following guidelines must be met:

- at least 24 hours fever-free (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and
- at least 24 hours vomit and/or diarrhea free; and
- improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, etc.)

Social Emotional and Mental Health Support Systems

Addressing the mental health and social-emotional development of all students, staff and community by following best practices in the areas of:

- School-based mental health services
- Behavioral support systems
- Family engagement and support practices
- Staff supports
- Other key systems and supports

Social Emotional Learning

- Social Emotional Learning lessons and activities to support students and staff related to trauma, physical and mental health have been developed for all campuses
- Counseling support are accessible to students and staff
- The District Social and Emotional Counselor is available to provide any additional needed resources and/or supports to students and families and to serve as a liaison between families and community support organizations

Parent Communication

In order to provide timely and ongoing communication related to any changes in the 2022-2023 school year, it is important that contact information for each child is promptly updated when any changes occur. This includes having a valid phone number and email address on file. The district or campus may generate automated or pre-recorded messages or real-time phone or email communications so correct contact information is crucial.

Communication Tools and Channels

- Parents will receive emails, phone calls, and/or text messages from Woodville ISD, sent through the district's emergency notification system. Contact information will be maintained and collected through the TXEIS Student Information System.
 - Information and updates are posted on Woodville ISD's website and through social media channels
 - Campuses share campus-specific information with parents via email, newsletters, and other campus communication tools including cell phone and technology apps.
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