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What happens if a student gets COVID-19?
If a student at Carthage ISD is confirmed to have COVID-19, they will immediately shift to “At-Home-Learning 2.0” until they have fully recovered and received clearance from the campus nurse to return to school. Students and staff who are known to have had contact with a COVID-19 positive student will be notified of their exposure. Every classroom the student was in will immediately be closed, deep cleaned and sanitized.

What happens if a teacher gets COVID-19?
If a teacher or staff member at Carthage ISD is confirmed to have COVID-19, the staff member will immediately shift to teaching via “At-Home-Learning 2.0” until the staff member has fully recovered. Students and staff who are known to have had contact with a COVID-19 positive teacher will be notified of their exposure. The teacher’s classroom or work area will immediately be closed, deep cleaned and sanitized and students can return to the classroom after sanitizing is completed. A substitute will be provided for students in the classroom.

Will the school shut down if one student or teacher gets COVID-19?
We will not shut down the entire school for one positive case. If there are a large number of positive cases at a campus, a temporary shutdown in order to deep clean and sanitize will be considered.

How is the district cleaning?
CISD purchased electrostatic machines for every campus and the operations department. Every room and bus in the district will be cleaned and sanitized daily.

How will you social distance at school?
CISD will do our best to encourage students to stay a safe distance from one another. However, there are some instances where this will be more difficult than others. (ie. cafeterias, entering the building, passing periods, etc) While in the high traffic or high volume areas, students are asked to wear masks to provide protection.

Will students still have P.E. and recess?
Yes. Access to P.E. class is a requirement by law and recess is an important part of the learning process. Each school will have different procedures in place in order to keep those times safe for our students, but these times will not be erased.
Will students and teachers have to wear masks?
In following the guidelines from state and local authorities, students will be asked to wear masks for their safety, especially in high traffic areas. It is appropriate for students to take a break from the mask in small group settings where students can be spread out. High traffic areas where masks would be preferable are: hallways during passing periods, bathrooms, cafeterias (when not eating), etc. Teachers will help support the parents wishes regarding wearing masks. Students will be given a Carthage gaiter, like pictured left, on the first day of school. Teachers and staff will be required to wear masks. All visitors on campus will be required to wear masks.

Will “At Home Learners” be eligible for extracurricular activities?
If students elect to participate in “At Home Learning 2.0”, they will not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities during that time. Due to safety, supervision, and transportation concerns, we feel this is in the best interest of our students and staff.

Will there be food service for “At Home Learners”?
If students are “At Home Learners” food service will not be provided. We do not have the ability to serve students on campus and also prepare food for “At Home Learners”. If there were to be a school-wide shut down, we would then pivot back to the grab and go meal system to provide food for everyone.

Will students be allowed to take Dual Credit courses if they are “At Home Learners”?
Yes. However, students who are “At Home Learners” will not be able to ride the bus to the college. Students will need to secure their own transportation to the college for classes.

How will attendance be taken for “At Home Learners”?
Students will have to check in on google classroom every single day, for every single class, in order to be counted present for that day. The deadline to do the activities that will count towards attendance will be 11:59 each night.
What if my child is taking a class like welding or woodshop? How will they be “At Home Learners” in a course of that nature?
The following are courses that will require students who are otherwise learning virtually to come to campus each school day to complete coursework that can only reasonably be completed in person or requires specialised equipment:
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Calculus
AP Art
Instructional Practices (11-12)
Welding (9-10)
Ag Mechanics (10-12)
Construction (9-12)
TV Production (10-12)
Journalism (10-12)
Print and Imaging (10-12)
Culinary (11-12)