

## SANDS CISD 2020-2021 SAFE SCHOOL Health Plan

The goal of the Sands CISD Health Plan policy is to create a school environment that BEST meets the needs of our students and staff. This includes doing everything in our power to keep our students and staff safe and healthy while promoting excellence in character, academics, and extracurricular activities. The COVID-19 pandemic has created some unique challenges, but it is our strong desire to have on-campus learning for all students. However, there will be contingency plans in place to facilitate instruction through REMOTE ACCESS learning (RA plan) in order to meet the unique health needs of each student.

The Health Plan addresses four major components:

COMMUNICATION, PREVENTION, MITIGATION, RESPONSE.

### I. Communication:

A. Sands CISD will strive to properly communicate to all stakeholders and parents all policies and procedures in place to ensure the health and safety of our students. This information will be posted or published in the following locations:

- The school website: <https://www.sands.esc17.net>
- Mailed to all students and parents directly
- The Sands CISD Facebook page
- The school messenger All Call (as necessary).
- Electronic mail as possible.

B. Contacts for COVID-19 concerns: The persons responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns at the District and campus level are the Sands CISD administrative team:

- Wayne Henderson - Superintendent
- Lenny Morrow - Principal

We will also have a COVID-19 Health Committee that will assist in planning, communication, making decisions and carrying out policies and procedures.

These individuals will include:

- Amy Grumbles - Business Manager/Superintendent Secretary
- Susan Henderson - PEIMS coordinator/Campus Secretary
- Tana Howard - Counselor/Teacher
- Kelly Doster - CTE Coordinator/Teacher
- Kari Reese - Special Education Director

C. Attendance and Enrollment

- Student attendance for those that are on-campus will follow standard attendance procedures as in years past. Per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in force during the 2020-21 school year.
- Given the 2020-2021 public health situation, student attendance may be earned through the delivery of remote learning if the student fulfills the objectives of each day school is in session.
- Any parent may request that their student be offered remote learning through proper consultation with the Sands CISD administrative team.

## II. Prevention: This includes all Practices to Prevent the Virus from Entering the School

A. Screening for COVID-19 before campus access: Sands CISD teachers/staff/students will be required to self-screen for symptoms each day.

- Teachers & staff will self screen and take their own temperature daily.
- All parents should screen their children prior to sending them to school as a precautionary measure. This screening should include a temperature check while determining if the student has any of the following symptoms:

**Have you recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for you?**

1. **Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit**
  2. **Loss of taste or smell**
  3. **Cough**
  4. **Difficulty breathing**
  5. **Shortness of breath**
  6. **Headache**
  7. **Chills**
  8. **Sore throat**
  9. **Shaking or exaggerated shivering**
  10. **Significant muscle pain or ache Diarrhea**
- Students will be screened each day at school as they either (a) get on a school bus or (b) enter the school facility after arriving on campus.
  - Visitors/Parents will not be allowed on campus without first being screened prior to entering the building. For students, screening will involve a temperature check and visual scan to ensure no symptoms as described above. For visitors and parents, there will be a series of questions that will be asked to confirm that the individual is symptom free and not a carrier of the virus.

B. Individuals who have been lab-confirmed with COVID-19, but not been on-campus (teacher/staff/students/parents/visitor)

- Teachers, staff, students, parents, and visitors must report with a phone call or electronic communication to the district if they have been lab-confirmed positive with COVID-19, and, if so, they must complete the following return to school protocol:

### **Return to school protocol for COVID-19**

1. **Remain off campus for 10 days from the time symptoms first appeared**
2. **Must be symptom free for 72 hours without fever reducing medication**
3. **Improvement in symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath**

- Additionally, they must report to the school system if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab confirmed with COVID-19. Close contact is defined as “being directly exposed to infectious secretions(coughed on while not wearing a mask or shield) or being within 6 feetfor a cumulative duration of 15 minutes while not wearing a mask or face shield. If either occurred at any time while an individual was infectious then they would be moved to remote learning at home until the conditions of re-entry have been met.
  - Students will be moved to remote learning until the conditions of the “return to school protocol” are met as described above.
- C. Identifying possible COVID-19 cases on-campus procedures
- Sands CISD will immediately separate any student or staff member who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school. These individuals with symptoms will be sent home immediately.
  - Students who shared a classroom with the infected student/staff member will be moved to a new location until the room is disinfected appropriately.
  - In the case of a student who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same “return to school protocol” listed above.
  - If a student or staff member has symptoms that could be COVID-19(but hasn't been to the Dr) and wants to return to school before completing the above stay-at-home period, the individual must either obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return OR receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid19>

### III. Mitigation: Practices to Reduce the Likelihood of the Spreading of the Virus Within the School

- A. Health & hygiene practices:
- Sands CISD will provide hand sanitizing stations at every entrance of the district
  - Students in elementary will enter and exit each day in separate locations from those in the secondary.
  - Sands CISD will provide hand sanitizer in every classroom, which will be used frequently throughout the school day
  - Sands CISD will teach students proper hygiene precautions to limit the spread of illness
  - Students will use their own supplies and school supplies will not be shared unless properly disinfected.
  - Masks will be worn during the school day by all staff members and they will be worn by students in grades 4 and above. (This will be in accordance to state of texas mandates)
  - In classrooms spaces that allow it, students will remain six feet away from other students
  - Students will sit in assigned seats during class and while eating in the cafeteria to assist in contact tracing.

- Sands CISD extracurricular activities will follow the guidelines of UIL and policy set forth by Sands CISD. To be eligible for extracurricular activities, students must be receiving on-campus instruction.
- All bus riders will use hand sanitizer when loading buses
- All buses will be disinfected after each use

#### B. Visits to school

- Sands CISD will restrict visits to the school to only those essential to school operations.
- Parents and guardians will be allowed to be on campus once they are screened at the entrance and they abide by the face mask and social distancing guidelines. They must always check in at the office upon arrival.
- Per TEA guidelines, all large indoor gatherings at the school will be canceled until further notice. This includes: (Meet the Teacher, First Day of School inside the building, Fall Fest, Book Fairs, Grandparents Breakfast, Thanksgiving Community Meal in the cafeteria..etc.)
- Excluding parent drop-off and pick-up, before visitors (parents) are allowed on campus, visitors MUST be screened according to state guidelines. A three-question yes or no questionnaire will be administered prior to entering into the building. If no is answered on any of the three questions, admittance to the school will be denied

#### C. Staffing:

- Employees will be trained in COVID 19 prevention, mitigation, and response.
- Employees will follow guidelines set forth by the District in accordance with state and federal guidelines.
- Sands CISD employees, like employees of any other organization, must continue to meet the expectations of their employers and their contractual obligations.

### IV. Response: Sands CISD's Practices to Respond to a Lab-Confirmed Case Within the School District

1. Sands CISD will notify the Department of Health Services
2. During the normal school hours, if Sands CISD learns that a lab-confirmed case has been present in the school, then a notification will be sent out through the school messenger call and Facebook.
3. The district administrative team will assess the situation and determine if it is necessary to close the campus, or part of the campus, for a day to deep clean the campus. It is possible that through proper prevention measures and procedures that the school will continue during the day of the confirmed case if it has been established by the administrative team that it is safe to do so.
4. On the occasion that school must be closed for sickness related reasons, then students will shift to remote learning until students return to campus.