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Safer Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan 2021-2022

Comanche ISD is committed to the health and safety of every student and staff member as well as our community. We will follow the guidance and best practices of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), Comanche County Health Department, Texas Education Agency (TEA), and local governance.

Comanche ISD will begin the 2021-2022 school year with face to face learning for all students. We are encouraged by the improved conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, including the relatively low transmission rate within our community and information provided by the CDC. We look forward to seeing all students attending classes on our campuses for the upcoming school year. We are focusing our efforts on providing an excellent educational experience for students that support their social, emotional, and academic growth.

This plan was last modified based on TEA guidance (7/1/21) and Texas Governor Executive Order GA-36 (5/18/21) regarding the wearing of masks. The document is subject to change and will be updated as government mandates change.

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This COVID Protocol below will be used in the event of enforcement of regulations from the state or local health authorities and is subject to change as needed.

General Health & Safety Protocols

- Campus staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols by campus nurses.
- Disinfectants will be used for deep cleaning campuses.
 - The district will store these products safely and ensure that harmful cleaning products are not used near children.
- Students, teachers, staff, and essential campus visitors/volunteers will be encouraged to sanitize and wash hands frequently.
- Students and staff are encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, to cover with their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.
- Social distancing and safety signage will be added and visible throughout school facilities.
- Visitors and volunteers will be limited. NOTE: essential volunteers scheduled for work at a campus will be pre-screened for temperature/symptoms before admittance on campus.
- Comanche ISD is permitted to prevent any individual who fails the health screening criteria from being admitted to the campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry to the campus.

Health Self-Screening for Staff & Students

- Student temperatures will be monitored as needed on campus. Anyone with a fever of **100.0 or higher** should not come to school or a CISD facility. (TEA mandate)
- Students and staff **are required** to self-screen before coming to school by asking the following questions (TEA mandate):

Any of the following symptoms indicate a possible COVID-19 infection:

- **Temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;**
 - **Sore throat;**
 - **New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (or, for students with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);**
 - **Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or**
 - **New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.**
- Students and staff may be subject to periodic temperature checks for verification, especially if they are feeling ill or suspected of having a fever during the school day.
 - Teachers, staff, and students must report to campus/district administration if they 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.

- Additionally, teachers, staff, and students must report to campus/district administration if they have had close contact (being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield) or being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a mask or face shield) with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, as defined in this document, and, if so, must remain off campus until the 14-calendar day incubation period has passed.
- Comanche ISD will be pre-screening all contracted workers and essential volunteers before they are allowed entrance on campus.

School Nurse Procedures

- Campus nurses and other designees will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Attendance clerks will be trained to communicate the protocol for students/staff who are absent for COVID-19 symptoms.
- School nurse offices will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Bus Transportation Protocols

- Families are encouraged to drop students off or walk with their students to school to reduce possible virus exposure on buses.
- Comanche ISD will provide bus transportation options as conditions are evaluated and ridership numbers examined.
- Bus drivers will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Hand sanitizer is on all buses and is to be used by students when boarding and exiting the bus.
- Seats, handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected between morning and afternoon routes.
- When possible, bus windows will be opened to allow outside air to circulate.

To assist our Transportation Department, during registration, please indicate if you will utilize Comanche ISD bus transportation if provided.

Lunchroom Safety

- Modifications to lunch procedures will be based on specific situations that arise and on what is feasible for each campus and grade.
- Cafeteria staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Seats, tables, door handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected regularly.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Masks

- For this document, masks include non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or full-face shields to protect eyes, nose, and mouth.

- For Pre-K through 3rd grade, parents may determine if masks or face coverings are developmentally appropriate. At this time, masks **remain an option** and are not mandated for students in grades Pre-K through 3.
- For 4th through 12th grade students, masks or face coverings **remain an option** in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order GA-31.
- All CISD staff will have the option to wear face coverings, masks or shields in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order GA-31.

Hand Washing & Hand Sanitizers

- Students and staff will be trained in proper hand washing protocols to prevent COVID-19 and the spread of germs.
- CISD teachers will encourage student hand washing for at least 20 seconds. In addition, all students will be encouraged to wash hands after using the restroom and before eating.
- Hand washing stations are available in restrooms and some classrooms.
- Hand sanitizer is available in each classroom and commons areas.

Social Distancing Protocols

- Students and staff will be trained in proper social distancing.
- Staff will help promote social distancing in shared spaces and hallways.
- Social distancing becomes a personal responsibility of each individual attending school or coming to a CISD facility. Anyone causing a disruption or unwillingness to follow CISD safety protocols, putting students/staff at unnecessary risk may be asked to leave the premises immediately.
- Whenever possible throughout the day, students and staff will remain six feet apart. It is not feasible that staff and students maintain six feet of social distancing at all times, especially in classrooms and instructional settings.

Cleaning & Disinfectant Protocols

- Cleaning and disinfecting will occur daily in every classroom, commons area, and on high-touch surfaces.
- In addition to cleanings throughout each day, restrooms, cafeterias, and computer labs will undergo extensive cleaning after each day's use.

Protocols for Confirmed COVID-19

The district will close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected unless more than seven days have already passed since that person was on campus.

Instructional Delivery Options

Face to Face Instruction

The key to returning to successful, sustained in-person instruction will be our commitment to health and safety guidelines (below). For those who chose to do so, face-to-face instruction will resume on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Students will follow regular schedules and course assignments.

Safety Guidelines for Face-to-Face Instruction

The district has budgeted for the necessary cleaning and sanitization supplies needed to open schools in August. The Texas Education Agency also provided additional supplies to school districts. All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer, and bathrooms will be stocked with soap and paper towels.

All students will receive instruction on the first day of school on appropriate hygiene practices and mitigation strategies and will be reinforced throughout the school year. We have faith that our students will embrace doing their part to keep their home and school families safe.

PUBLIC HEALTH STATEMENT

As it has always been, the health and safety of our staff and students remain our highest priority. While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, this guidance document contains information on four sets of practices that minimize the likelihood of viral spread. These protocols and guidelines will be modified based on public health and governmental directives, and advancing scientific knowledge on the transmissibility of COVID-19. We also believe that educating our students about proper hygiene techniques and necessary safety measures to prevent the spread will not only keep them safe, but will also keep their respective families safe.

Face-to-Face Instruction

<p>AT HOME BEFORE SCHOOL SELF-SCREENING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents/guardians are required to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day before sending their students to school. Details for self-screening are outlined in this document. ● Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children remaining at home will receive remote instruction until the conditions for re-entry are met. ● Any child who has had close contact (as defined at the beginning of this document) with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 will receive remote instruction until the 14 calendar-day incubation period has passed.
<p>ARRIVAL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Campus-specific arrival procedures will be created to facilitate social distancing protocols. ● Doors will not open until 7am. Do not drop your students off before that time. ● Students will arrive by walk-up, car drop-off, or school bus. Parents/guardians dropping off students will be able to walk them up to the specified drop off area at each campus. ● Until further notice or unless approved by CISD in advance, visitors or older siblings, not on the same campus, are not permitted to walk students inside the school building. ● Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entrance to the campus, in the cafeteria, and common areas throughout the campus.
<p>DISMISSAL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Campus-specific dismissal procedures will be created to facilitate social distancing protocols. ● Campuses may designate staggered dismissal groups. Staggering the groups of walkers, car riders, bus riders, or grade levels will help manage student movement in the building and decrease the risk of potential crowding outside at dismissal time. ● Parents picking up students during the day shall follow campus pickup procedures. ● Hand sanitizer will be available at the main exit of the campus, in the cafeteria, and common areas throughout the campus. ● Early pick-ups are discouraged before dismissal time.

<p>MASKS / FACE COVERINGS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under Governor’s Executive Order GA-31, staff and students will have the option to wear masks in any school facility, any time they leave their classrooms such as when going to the bathroom, and any time in transition as students move from one classroom or space to another, and on school buses. ● Students and staff shall provide their own masks. Any masks with designs must be school appropriate (as determined by campus administration).
<p>CLASSROOM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teachers will monitor students throughout the day and refer to the nurse if symptoms are present. ● In classroom spaces that allow it, desks will be placed a minimum of six feet apart when possible. ● Whenever possible, open windows or otherwise work to improve airflow by allowing outside air to circulate. ● Staff will encourage safety protocols upon entering the classroom and after group activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate outdoor teaching when appropriate. • Keep classroom doors open to improve circulation and reduce the touching of the door handles. ● Staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible. Commonly-touched surfaces and supplies in classrooms will be disinfected between different class groups if multiple class groups use the same room.
<p>ISOLATION PROTOCOLS</p> <p>Student or Staff Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When a student has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home. ● Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up by the student’s parent/guardian. ● The district will clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) as soon as it is feasible. ● Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, the district will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students on campus if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff on that campus. ● Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow district protocols, including isolation from students and other staff members.

<p>COMMON AREAS AND TRANSITIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Campus-specific transition procedures will be created to facilitate social distancing protocols. ● Staggered releases from each class may be organized to limit the number of students in the hallway during transitions. ● When transitioning between classes, students will be encouraged to maintain social distancing. ● Traffic patterns may be established throughout the campus that separates individuals to the greatest extent possible. ● Classroom doors may be propped open during transition times to reduce high touch areas. ● Access to hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the campus.
<p>WATER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will need to bring water bottles from home. ● Students may fill their water bottles at school, but will be discouraged from drinking directly from the water fountains.
<p>CAFETERIA BREAKFAST AND LUNCH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comanche ISD plans to utilize the school cafeteria as much as possible for student meals. NOTE: parents/visitors are not allowed to attend lunch until further notice. ● Modifications to lunch procedures will be based on what is feasible for each campus and grade. ● Cafeteria staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols. ● Seats, tables, door handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected regularly. ● Staff will reinforce physical distancing and traffic patterns in the cafeteria when feasible. ● Hand sanitizer stations will be available in all cafeterias.
<p>RECESS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will be working on schedules and routines that teach children to maintain safe distances from each other. ● Children will sanitize their hands at the beginning and the end of recess. ● Playground equipment will be sanitized throughout the day.
<p>VISITORS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visitors and volunteers will be limited until further notice ● Essential volunteers scheduled for work at a campus will be pre-screened for temperature/symptoms before admittance on campus.

<p>PARENT MEETINGS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When conducting in-person meetings, all participants will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before the meeting.
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comanche ISD will provide bus transportation options as conditions are evaluated and ridership numbers examined. ● Bus Drivers will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols. ● Hand sanitizer is on all buses and is to be used by students. ● Seats, handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected between morning and afternoon routes. ● When possible, bus windows will be opened to allow outside air to circulate in the bus. ● To assist our Transportation Department, during registration, please indicate if you would utilize Comanche ISD bus transportation if provided
<p>EXTRACURRICULAR / ATHLETICS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extracurricular participation in certain activities will require face-to-face instruction. Detailed guidance will be released at a later date. ● Students and staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols. ● All participants, coaches, and directors will follow the rules established by the University Interscholastic League and the Texas Education Agency. ● Athletic practices and contests will be conducted following safety protocol provided by guidance from Comanche ISD, UIL, and TEA. ● UIL guidance can be found on the UIL Website. ● In response to healthcare providers' focus on the COVID-19 pandemic, the UIL recently waived the required pre-participation physical examination for students involved in band/athletics who already have a physical on file for the 2019-2020 school year. Those students who are new or do not have a physical already on file will be required to get a physical and complete the pre-participation physical examination form BEFORE participating in band/athletics for the 2020-2021 school year. ● Bus travel will follow the transportation guidelines provided by Comanche ISD and TEA. ● Postgame sign-out procedures for athletes will be communicated to parents

	<p>before the beginning of each season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate entrances and exits may be utilized, and event doors may be propped open to minimize physical contact with handles. • Spectator seats may be marked or configured in a way to enforce social distancing. • Concessions or concession sales may be limited to encourage social distancing and to follow health and safety guidelines.
FINE ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large group practice sessions, sectionals, and rehearsals will adhere to social distancing guidelines provided by an authorized entity (TEA, UIL, etc.). • Concerts/performances may be adjusted based on health and safety guidelines provided by an authorized entity (TEA, UIL, etc.), including but not limited to transportation procedures, number of attendees, and the orientation of concerts. • All fine arts performances will be streamed online when possible.
DECISION POINTS WHEN TO CLOSE A CLASSROOM or BUILDING	<p>In the absence of state guidelines, Comanche ISD will adopt local guidelines for the closure of a classroom or a school building. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Plans may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom/campus shuts down for cleaning (1-5 days) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students/teachers shift to remote learning • Classroom/campus shuts down because of close-contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students/teachers shift to remote learning

Attendance and Enrollment

- Comanche ISD will be required to record DAILY attendance in face-to-face and remote learning models. This requirement means students must have documented daily engagement to be counted present for credit or promotion purposes. Signing in daily to ClassLink and completing assignments will be mandatory.
- Per Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.092, students must attend 90 percent of a course (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 effect during the 2020-2021 school year.

Technology Support

- Technology staff will be available to assist students and staff with technology support.

Extracurricular Participation

- Athletic practices and contests will be conducted following safety protocol provided by guidance from Comanche ISD, UIL, and TEA.
- Students and staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- All participants, coaches, and directors will follow the rules established by the

University Interscholastic League and the Texas Education Agency.

- UIL guidance can be found on the [UIL Website](#).
- In response to healthcare providers' focus on the COVID-19 pandemic, the UIL recently waived the required pre-participation physical examination for students involved in band/athletics who already have a physical on file for the 2019-2020 school year. Those students who are new or do not have a physical already on file will be required to get a physical and complete the pre-participation physical examination form BEFORE participating in band/athletics for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Bus travel will follow the transportation guidelines provided by Comanche ISD and TEA.
- Spectator attendance at games and contests may be limited based on TEA and UIL guidelines. Ticketing for events may be utilized to control the capacity of facilities.
- Postgame sign-out procedures for athletes will be communicated to parents before the beginning of each season.
- Event procedures will be in place to minimize face-to-face interactions.
- Separate entrances and exits may be utilized, and event doors may be propped open to minimize physical contact with handles.
- Spectator seats may be marked and configured in a way to enforce social distancing.
- Concessions or concession sales may be limited to encourage social distancing and to follow health and safety guidelines.
- Coaches and administrators may add more safety procedures as need arises

Facility Rentals & After-School Events

- Due to COVID-19 and the impact on facility management, Comanche ISD will be limiting rental of school facilities. If you have any questions please contact the Comanche ISD Central Office.

Large-Group Gatherings & Special Events

- To begin the fall semester, CISD will avoid scheduling non-essential large group gatherings and events where adults and students must commingle or where students would be unnecessarily exposed to the virus in public places such as field trips, assemblies, dances, meet the teacher, open house, booster club events, etc.

Social-Emotional Support/Mental Wellness

- Comanche ISD counselors will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Counselors will be available for students, families, and staff members to provide guidance for outreach or counseling services.
- Counselors can be contacted by phone, email, or in person as needed.

Communication

Comanche ISD will continue to inform key stakeholders regularly while offering opportunities for feedback to help shape the CISD 2021 Fall Plan.

- The district and campuses will communicate official CISD news using SchoolMessenger, websites, and social media accounts.
- Specific questions, concerns, or suggestions should be directed to your campus administration.