

COVID-19 Prevention, Mitigation, and Response Procedures at Scurry-Rosser ISD

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we plan for returning to school at Scurry-Rosser ISD, we recognize that this will be an unusual school year, but we remain committed to supporting your student's learning, as well as his or her safety.

This document outlines the procedures our campuses will have in place to prevent or mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to respond if a positive case is identified. The information is up to date, but may change as we have all learned in recent days. We hope this transparency helps you to make a decision about your student's on-campus attendance at Scurry-Rosser ISD.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. That said, research from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19 and some severe outcomes have been reported in children, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized or have severe symptoms. The American Academy of Pediatrics has reported there are distinct benefits to attending school in person, including instructional, social, and safety benefits. For these reasons they support on-campus instruction for students in the coming year.

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly. The Scurry-Rosser ISD strategy for opening and operating is outlined in this letter and additional details of our plan will be placed on our district website www.scurry-

rosser.com . You may also receive communication from your child's school regarding specifics related to their campus procedures.

Prevention

To prevent COVID-positive individuals from entering our campuses, your student's school will have the following COVID-19 symptom screening procedures in place:

- All staff will be required to self-screen daily.
- All visitors will be required to screen upon arrival.
- Parents are asked to proactively identify when their student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or has been exposed and to keep them home. Additional guidance is provided in the operations plan and on campus.

Information collected in these screens will not be retained if the screening is passed. If a parent indicates that a student is demonstrating COVID-19 symptoms, the school will retain that information until the student meets the criteria for return to school.

Criteria for Return to School

Conditions for return to school after an individual shows symptoms or gets a positive test result:

Either:

- 24 hours with no fever; and
- Symptoms improved; and
- 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

Or:

- An acute infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19

Or:

- A doctor's note indicating an alternate diagnosis

Mitigation

Our district will be taking the following steps across each of our campuses to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

All adults in the building will wear masks.

All students in all grades will be required to wear masks, particularly when they are not able to socially distance from one another, except when participating in activities that cannot be conducted with a mask on, such as eating, or unless it is not developmentally appropriate for the student to wear a mask.

Additional guidance may be provided in the operations plan or at each campus.

Response

In the event of a COVID-positive case on campus, the campus will take the following steps:

All areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case will be closed off until disinfected.

All teachers, staff, and families of all students in that school will be notified.

The local health department will be notified.

Additional guidance may be provided in the operations plan or at each campus.

Although it is not possible to eliminate all risks from COVID-19, we hope that this information has provided you with some understanding of our plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's campus office and visit our website at www.scurry-rosser.com

This will be a challenging year, but we believe it can be a great one. We look forward to supporting your student as they return to school.

Sincerely,

James D. Sanders