

Bruceville-Eddy ISD Return to School Health and Safety Plan 2020-2021

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BEISD's (Bruceville-Eddy ISD) Health Plan is being provided based on the public health situation as we understand it today and takes effect immediately for the 2020-2021 school year for on campus instruction and all extra-curricular activities. Changes to the public health situation over the course of the school year may necessitate changes to this health plan.

This health and safety plan addresses:

- On campus and virtual instruction - Administrative activities by teachers, staff, or students that occur on school campuses or virtually.
- Non-UIL extracurricular sports and activities - Any other activities that teachers, staff, or students must complete that cannot be accomplished virtually.
- Visits by parents and the general public.
- Transportation/ school bus or vehicles enhanced cleaning practices.
- UIL Extracurricular activities

Public Health Considerations:

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages, and BEISD leaders will do everything feasible to keep students, teachers, staff, and our communities safe. 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. Furthermore, the American Academy of Pediatrics notes that COVID-19 risks must be balanced with the need for children to attend school in person, given that lack of physical access to school leads to a number of negative consequences, placing “children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity, and in some case, mortality.”

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps BE ISD will take to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly.

BEISD's Health and Safety Plan contains information on four sets of practices that minimize the likelihood of viral spread of COVID-19 and other viruses.

- **PROVIDE NOTICE:** Requirements for parental and public notices
- **PREVENT:** Best practices to prevent the virus from entering BEISD's campus facilities.
- **RESPOND:** Best practices to respond to a lab-confirmed case in BE ISD's students and staff.
- **MITIGATE:** best practices to reduce likely spread inside BEISD's campus facilities.

The prevention and mitigation practices outlined in BEISD's Health and Safety Plan are designed to significantly reduce the likelihood that a coronavirus outbreak occurs on campus. Consistently implementing best practices to the extent feasible is the best way to reduce the potential negative impact of infection on students' educational experiences and BEISD's staff.

There will almost certainly be situations that necessitate temporary school closure due to positive COVID-19 cases in BE ISD's system. Parents, students, and all BEISD's staff should be prepared for this in the event that it occurs, while actively working to prevent it through prevention and mitigation practices.

PROVIDE NOTICE: Parental and Public Notices:

BEISD will utilize BEISD Facebook, district website, district all call, and athletics Team App to communicate all notices as needed.

On-Campus Activities and Instruction:

BEISD will post for parents and the general public, one week prior to the start of on-campus activities and instruction, a summary of the plan we will follow to mitigate COVID-19 spread on all campuses based on the best practices outlined here.

BEISD's COVID-19 Response Team will respond to COVID-19 concerns and situations as needed for all staff, students and families. The team consists of campus leaders and nurses. Contact the appropriate team member by calling campus office.

Attendance and Enrollment:

1. 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.

2. Given the public health situation, student attendance may be earned through the delivery, completion and submission of work through virtual instruction.

3. Any parent may request that their student be offered virtual instruction from any of BE's Campuses that offers such instruction. If a parent who chooses virtual instruction wants their child to switch to an on-campus instructional setting or vice-versa, they can do so, by completing and submitting an "Instructional Delivery Change Request" form attached at the end of this plan. BEISD requires these transitions to occur only at the end of a 6 weeks grading period, if it will be beneficial to the student's instructional quality. Change of instruction request must be filed with the campus principal/secretary. Physical change will occur on the first day of the next 6 weeks grading period. If a parent requests virtual instruction and the BEISD Campus does not offer it, the parent may enroll in another school that does offer it for transfer students.

4. BEISD will provide daily on-campus attendance and instruction for students otherwise entitled to attend school who follow this plan's required public health procedures and whose parents wish them to attend on campus each day, subject to school closure and the exceptions listed in this plan.

5. During the first four weeks of school, to facilitate an effective back-to-school transition process, BEISD may temporarily limit access to on-campus instruction. As a result, some parents opting for their student(s) to attend on campus may be required to start with remote instruction temporarily, although any family who does not have Internet access and/or devices for distance learning at home is still entitled to have their student receive on-campus instruction each day during this transition period, as they are during the rest of the year.

6. BEISD will provide parents a notice of their public education enrollment and attendance rights and responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic using the appropriate document published by TEA.

PREVENT: Practices to Prevent the Virus from Entering BE ISD's campuses:

DURING this pandemic time, parents and staff are the first defense to prevent COVID-19 from entering our facilities. Parents you know your child better than anyone else ever will. Please if you suspect the slightest indication your child may have fever or COVID-

19 symptoms *immediately* contact your health care provider and appropriate campus nurse. This action will create an extreme care coordination partnership between your family, BEISD and your health care provider. This one action of 2 phone calls has the potential to protect EVERYBODY in BEISD from contacting or spreading COVID-19.

BEISD staff will be screening themselves daily in order to protect your child and our students.

Please we ask that you do your best to assist in keeping BEISD healthy and providing educational services.

Screening Questions for COVID-19 Before Campus Access

1. BEISD requires all teachers and staff to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day. Symptoms are listed below. The self- screening will consist of teachers and staff taking their own temperature. Teachers and staff must report to their appropriately signed campus leader if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab- confirmed with COVID-19. If so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below. Additionally, they must report to their campus leader if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, as defined at the end of this plan. If so, they must remain off campus until the 14-day incubation period has passed.

2. BEISD parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed below) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and instead should opt to receive remote instruction until the below conditions for re-entry are met. Parents may also opt to have their students receive remote instruction if their child has had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 until the 14-day incubation period has passed. BEISD will screen students for COVID-19 as well. Screening is accomplished by asking questions by phone or other electronic methods and/or in person. The screening questions may be asked of a student's parent if that parent will be dropping off or picking up their child from inside the school. Forehead temperature check of otherwise asymptomatic students may be performed as needed, but the practice is also not prohibited by this plan.

3. Excluding parental drop-off and pick-up as discussed above, visitors to any BEISD campus must have a set appointment *prior* to arrival on any campus. BEISD will screen all visitors to determine if the visitors have COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this plan) or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below.

Additionally, BEISD will screen to determine if visitors have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until the 14-day incubation period has passed. When practical, BEISD may supplement screening questions with temperature checks of adults.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

In evaluating whether you or an individual have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following questions:

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

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

1. Any individuals who **themselves** either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or

(b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed above) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until BE ISD system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

- In the case of an individual who **is** diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when **all three** of the following criteria is met:

- i. at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - ii. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - iii. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- (At minimum 13 calendar days will pass before individual can return to school)

- o In the case of an individual 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 three-step set of criteria listed above.

- o If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either: **(a)** obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or;
(b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID-19 via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.

Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on a BE ISD Campus:

- o BEISD staff must immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- o BEISD will clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) as soon as is feasible.
- o Students who report feeling feverish will be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19. If a student has a fever, then parent/guardian will be notified to pick up and the student will remain isolated.

RESPOND: BEISD's Best Practices to Respond to a Lab-Confirmed Case:

Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been on a BEISD campus:

1. If an individual who has been on a BEISD Campus is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19,

BEISD must notify its McLennan County Health Department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

2. BEISD Staff must 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 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.

3. Consistent with BEISD notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, BEISD must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on campus activities or extracurricular activities.

MITIGATE: Practices to Mitigate the Likelihood of COVID-19 Spread Inside any BEISD Campus:

BEISD Operational Best Practices:

Health and Hygiene Practices:

General

1. BEISD has hand sanitizer at each campus entrance. Also each classroom may have hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations with soap and water where available.

2. Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors should be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.

- Appropriate classes will have students engage in supervised handwashing for at least 20 seconds at least two times each day, in addition to being encouraged to wash hands after using the restroom and before eating.
- BEISD staff will teach appropriate level students good handwashing techniques.
- BEISD restrooms and sink areas will have proper hand washing signage.
- Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, covered in their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.

3. BEISD Campuses will institute more frequent cleaning practices, including additional cleaning by janitorial staff, as well as provide the opportunity for students to clean their

own spaces before and after they are used, in ways that are safe and developmentally appropriate.

- BEISD best practices include additional cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces that are touched in common throughout the day. This includes objects such as door handles, common tables/desks, when unavoidable shared supplies such as art supplies, and high touch devices such as shared laptops or tablets.
 - Enhanced practices will be arranged for cleaning of commonly-touched surfaces in classrooms between different class groups, if the same room will be used by multiple class groups.
 - BEISD staff ensure these products are stored safely, including storing harmful products where students cannot access them, and ensure that harmful cleaning products are not used near students.
4. BEISD staff will open windows or otherwise work to improve air flow by allowing outside air to circulate in the buildings wherever possible.
 5. BEISD will apply CDC guidance on maintaining water system safety when buildings are unused for extended periods of time, and apply this guidance as appropriate.
 6. Appropriate CDC signage will be utilized in applicable areas.
 7. On the first day a student attends school on campus, BEISD staff will provide instruction to students on appropriate hygiene practices and other mitigation practices adopted in the district.

Health and Hygiene Practices:

Masks

1. 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. Face shields may be superior to cloth face coverings in many circumstances, given improved ability to see mouth movements and improved air circulation.
2. BEISD will comply with the governor's executive order regarding the wearing of masks. When order is in place all staff and students 10 years of age and up are required to wear masks. Students under 10 years of age are encouraged to wear masks.
3. It may be impractical for students to wear masks or face shields while participating in some non-UIL athletic or other extracurricular activities. When it is impractical for students to wear masks or face shields during those activities, it is required students, teachers, staff, and visitors to wear masks or face shields when entering and exiting facilities and practice areas and when not actively engaging in those activities. For

example, students who are actively exercising may remove masks or face shields, as long as they maintain at least six feet of distance from other students, teachers, and staff who are not wearing masks or face shields. However, students and staff must wear masks or face shields as they arrange themselves in positions that will allow them to maintain safe distancing.

Student-Teacher Groupings Where Feasible without disrupting the educational experience students will practice social distancing.

1. In classroom spaces that allow it, student desks will be placed a minimum of six feet apart or tagged to sit where there is 6ft between each student.
2. In classrooms where students are regularly within six feet of one another, there will be more frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing. If possible increased airflow from outdoors.

Use of Non-Classroom Spaces

1. When feasible and appropriate (for example, in physical education classes as weather permits), it is preferable for students to gather outside, rather than inside, because of the likely reduced risk of virus spread outdoors.
2. BEISD will continue to offer extracurricular activities, at their discretion and consistent with the guidance in this plan, for non-UIL extracurricular activities and with the guidance found on the UIL website for all UIL extracurricular activities.
3. As was the case in previous years, BEISD may open facilities to the public as long as the entity follows the steps in this plan. Operation of the facilities should be done consistent with the governor's executive orders for similar activities.
4. BEISD's plan for entry, exit, and transition procedures that reduce large group gatherings (of students and/or adults) in close proximity. Parents are to remain outside during drop-off and pick-up.
5. Under current COVID-19 conditions, BEISD will be eliminating district wide assemblies and other activities that bring large groupings of students and/or teachers and staff together.
6. Throughout BEISD campuses best practices are implemented to reduce the likelihood that students meet the close contact definition (defined below) at lunch. District wide practice of spacing seats at least 6 feet apart. This practice serves the purpose of shielding the students from respiratory droplets with which they might otherwise come into contact. For meal service itself, disposable silverware for students who do not bring their own lunch.

Transportation Best Practices:

1. All BEISD staff and students 10 years old and up must wear masks at all times while on bus or in school vehicle. All students under 10 years of age are encouraged to wear masks.
2. ALL students and staff must use hand sanitizer upon boarding the bus.
3. Staff and/or students will open windows to allow outside air to circulate in the bus when appropriate.
4. BEISD strongly encourages families to drop students off, carpool, or walk with their student to and from school to reduce possible virus exposure on buses.
5. ALL buses will be thoroughly cleaned after each bus trip, focusing on high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles. During cleaning, windows will be open to allow for additional ventilation and air flow.

Parents and other adult Visits to Campuses:

- Parents and other adults are prohibited from visiting campuses unless prior appointment has been made and cleared through campus office. Parent or other adult must pass the daily COVID-19 screening.
- During current pandemic conditions the only visitors allowed are those essential to daily school operations.

Staffing

1. All BEISD employees must continue to meet the work expectations set by their employers, subject to any applicable employment contract terms.
2. All staff will be trained specifically on the protocols outlined in this plan and expected to apply practices routinely.

Additionally, while not developed with this exact guidance in mind, Texas Agri-Life Extension offers a free online course on Special Considerations for Infection Control During COVID-19 (2hrs). This course is intended for frontline childcare workers, but the principles of the course apply equally to those working in school settings.

3. BEISD Leaders will attempt to reduce in-person staff meetings or other opportunities for adults to congregate in close settings. When those meetings are necessary and cannot be done via electronic means, everyone must follow the mask protocols in this plan, remain at least 6 feet apart where feasible, consider the use of dividers, and consider whether increased airflow from the outdoors is possible in those settings.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

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

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea

Close Contact Defined:

BEISD Health and Safety Plan refers to “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. Close contact is determined by an appropriate public health agency. For clarity, close contact is defined as:

- a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield); or
- b. being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a mask or face shield; if either occurred at any time in the last 14 days at the same time the infected individual was infectious.

Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, two days prior to the confirming lab test.

Screening Questionnaire Information:

1. When asking individuals if they have symptoms for COVID-19, BEISD will only require the individual to provide a “Yes” or “No” to the overall statement that they are symptomatic for COVID-19, as opposed to asking the individual for specific symptom confirmation. BEISD is not entitled to collect information during screening on the specific health information of an individual beyond that they are symptomatic.
2. Once it is determined that individuals who responded “Yes” to either of these questions have met the criteria for re-entry, BEISD will destroy individuals’ responses.

<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>

Instructional Change Request Form

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Requesting the following instructional change: (Check the appropriate box)

- On campus classroom instruction
- Virtual Asynchronous instruction- (on line)

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Campus Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

BEISD's 2020-2021 UIL Extracurricular COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines:

DURING this pandemic time, parents and staff are the first defense to prevent COVID-19 from entering our facilities. Parents you know your child better than anyone else ever will. Please if you suspect the slightest indication your child may have fever or COVID-19 symptoms immediately contact your health care provider and appropriate campus nurse. This action will create an extreme care coordination partnership between your family, BEISD and your health care provider. This one action of 2 phone calls has the potential to protect EVERYBODY in BEISD from contacting or spreading COVID-19.

BEISD staff will be screening themselves daily in order to protect your child and our students.

Please we ask that you do your best to assist in keeping BEISD healthy and providing educational services.

BEISD's UIL extracurricular plan relates to all UIL activities, based on the public health situation as we understand it today, and it applies to the 2020-2021 school year. This plan is effective August 1, 2020. Changes to the public health situation may necessitate changes to the district's plan

Given the varying numbers of COVID-19 cases across different areas of the state, and the vast geographic area in the state of Texas, UIL is presenting modifications for the 2020-21 school year that reflect the situation at this time. UIL will continue to work with state officials and monitor CDC and other federal guidance to determine any potential modifications that may become necessary. BEISD is prepared for the possibility of interruptions in contest schedules.

These guidelines are in addition to guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and intended to be implemented along with BEISD Health and Safety Plan, which applies to academic and extracurricular non-UIL activities.

BEISD's COVID-19 Response Team serves as compliance officer(s) to oversee effective use of these protocols. The district will follow all requirements of state authorities in addition to the requirements below. The COVID-19 Response Team is made up of campus leaders and nurses.

Face Coverings- Executive Order GA-29

Executive Order GA-29, regarding face coverings, applies to all UIL activities effective July 3, 2020. This includes the 2020-2021 school year. As the public health situation changes, and/or if subsequent Executive Orders are issued by Governor Greg Abbott, these guidelines may be further modified.

1. For the purposes of this plan, face coverings 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. Face shields may be superior to cloth face coverings in many circumstances, given improved ability to see mouth movements and improved air circulation.
2. BEISD employees, parents, visitors and students ten years of age or older must wear face coverings or face shields upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in the contest, unless an exception listed below applies.
3. BEISD strongly encourages the wearing of face coverings at all times and when possible even during the exceptions list below when social distancing is not possible.

Exceptions to the wearing of face coverings or face shields include:

- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
- While a person is consuming food or drink;
- While the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water.
- When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social distancing; or
- Any other reason or circumstance indicated under Executive Order GA-29.

BEISD's General UIL Operational Health and Safety Plan:

BEISD's requirements apply to all UIL activities within the district:

BEISD's Health and Safety Plan applies to all UIL activities for the 2020-2021 school year as part of the districts actions for mitigating risk of COVID-19 spreading as students and staff participate in all UIL sanctioned events. The district will post these plans on the homepage of the school's website or other easily accessible area of the school's website. These plans do not require UIL or TEA approval.

Required Screening

Required Screening before attending or participating in activities:

If staff have not been screened by the school for purposes of participating in instructional activities, schools must implement these screening protocols before allowing staff to participate in UIL activities.

1. BEISD requires all staff to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in UIL activities or entering areas where UIL activities are being conducted. Symptoms are listed at the end of this document. The self-screening includes staff taking their own temperature. Staff must report to their campus leader if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below. Additionally, they must report to their campus leader if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, as defined at the end of this document, and, if so, must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until the 14-day incubation period has passed. Close contact is defined in this document below.
2. BEISD's parents must ensure they do not send a student to participate in UIL activities if the student has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 until the below conditions for re-entry are met. BEISD will screen students for COVID-19 as well. Screening is accomplished by asking questions by phone or other electronic methods and/or in person. The screening questions may also be asked of a student's parent if that parent will be dropping off or picking up their student from inside areas where UIL activities are being conducted. Forehead temperature check of otherwise asymptomatic students may be performed as needed, but the practice is also not prohibited by this plan
3. Before visitors are allowed access to areas where UIL activities are being conducted, the district must screen all visitors to determine if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and if so, they must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below. Additionally, the district must screen to determine if visitors have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and if so they must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until the 14-day incubation period has passed. When practical, screening questions could be supplemented with temperature checks of adults.
4. BEISD COVID-19 Response Team is permitted to prevent any individual who fails the screening criteria from being admitted into school facilities or sites

where UIL activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry as described below. Any individual for whom screening cannot be confirmed should be presumed symptomatic until confirmed otherwise.

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

1. Any individuals who themselves either: **(a)** are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or **(b)** experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the BEISD system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
 - In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when **all three** of the following criteria are met:
 - at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
 - In the case of an individual 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 three-step set of criteria listed above.
 - If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either **(a)** obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or **(b)** receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID-19 via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.

Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on a BEISD Campus

- BEISD Staff must immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- BEISD staff will clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) as soon as is feasible.
- Students who report feeling feverish should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

This plan refers to “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. Close contact is determined by an appropriate public health agency.

For clarity, close contact is defined as:

- 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;

if either occurred at any time in the last 14 days at the same time the infected individual was infectious.

Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, two days prior to the confirming lab test.

BEISD Staff will take the following actions if individuals with lab-confirmed cases have been on a campus or in an area where UIL Activities are being conducted

1. If an individual who has been in areas where UIL activities have been conducted is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, BEISD must notify McLennan County Health Department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. BEISD must 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 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.
3. Consistent with all other notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, BEISD must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any UIL activities.

COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether you or an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following questions:

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

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- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
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- Headache
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2. Once it is determined that individuals who responded “Yes” to either of these questions have met the criteria for re-entry, BEISD will destroy those individuals’ responses.

BEISD’s Best Practices will be applied to performance areas, band halls, locker rooms and other congregate settings

1. BEISD has hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available in these areas.
2. All congregate areas will be regularly and frequently cleaned and disinfected including all frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, lockers, and restrooms.
3. Any equipment that will be kept in student lockers and/or in these areas will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected each day prior to students accessing these areas. BEISD has developed a plan for managing the storage, cleaning and disinfecting, and redistribution of student equipment.
4. BEISD has identifying staff to monitor locker rooms and other areas where students may congregate to ensure effective use of school protocols. When possible, BEISD will open windows and/or doors or otherwise work to improve air flow by allowing outside air to circulate in these areas.
5. BEISD requires all staff and students to wear face coverings while inside locker rooms, meeting rooms, training rooms, band halls and other areas where students may congregate other than shower facilities.
6. BEISD routinely implements best practices for mitigating risk of spreading COVID-19 when disinfecting, cleaning, and laundering items such as towels,

practice clothes, and uniforms. The practices include protocols for redistributing these items to students. Involved staff and students are trained specifically on these protocols.

Practice and Rehearsal Activities

In addition to the above best practices and rules in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules and UIL manuals and handbooks, the following applies to practice activities during the 2020-2021 school year.

1. All surfaces in practice areas will be thoroughly disinfected throughout and at the end of each day.
2. Any equipment will be regularly disinfected before, during, and after practice sessions.
3. BEISD may provide food, water or other drinks. If items are provided BEISD staff will do so in a manner that ensures students are not sharing these items.

Game, Contest, and Event Management

In addition to the above best practices and rules in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules and UIL manuals and handbooks, the following applies to games, scrimmages, and events:

Teams and Participants

1. If BEISD is planning to offer transportation for students, staff will follow best practices stated in district health and safety plan to such transportation.
2. Teams and participants are required to wear face coverings as described in Executive Order GA-29.
3. The host site will designate a cleaned and disinfected area for teams to unload and load buses separate from fans, spectators, and other individuals not essential to the team or group.
4. Visiting team /group locker rooms will be cleaned and sanitized by the host site before the visiting team arrives. Visiting teams/groups are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting equipment once it is unloaded. BEISD will limit access to these facilities to only students and staff essential for the game, contest, or event.
5. Before each game, contest, or event, BEISD will follow the screening protocols described above to screen all staff members, contractors, volunteers, sports officials, contest judges, and any individuals otherwise involved in working the event. These individuals will also self-screen as described in these screening protocols.
6. Fan and spectator areas including bleachers, stands, walkways, and other spectator areas will be at least six feet from team /group areas such as team benches or performance areas. Where distancing is not feasible, other

methods will be utilized to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as face coverings, implementing engineered controls such as physical barriers, or other risk mitigation efforts the district deems appropriate.

7. As previously indicated, water or other drinks and/or food may be provided. BEISD or host sites will do so in a manner that ensures students are not sharing these items.
8. Other areas used by participants, such as press box areas, will be cleaned and disinfected prior to and after use. Host Sites will develop plans for providing access to these areas that limit or remove potential contact between participants and non-participants.
9. The host site will provide sports and contest officials an area to enter and exit separate from fans when possible. Officials should be provided a dressing and meeting area, if applicable, that has been cleaned and disinfected prior to their arrival.
10. Pregame or pre-event meetings between teams and/or sports and contest officials should be planned to allow appropriate distancing between individuals.
11. Pregame and post-game gestures of sportsmanship should be conducted between teams and sports and contest officials in ways planned to help reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19.
12. All participants should be provided with entry and exit plans for contest areas that maintain separation from non-participants and fans. Individuals not essential to the team or group should not be given access to contest areas, performance areas, courts, or fields at all before, during, or after contests and events.

Student Groups not directly involved in the game or contest

Student groups such as marching bands, cheerleaders, drill teams, and other groups approved by BEISD may attend and perform at games or contests in which they are not competing. The district may consider limiting the number of participants to those essential to the performance.

1. BEISD student groups will remain separate from the game or contest participants at all times. These student groups will avoid mixing with fans or non-group members throughout the game or contest.
2. Student groups are required to wear face coverings as described in Executive Order GA-29.
3. BEISD may consider limiting the number of students and staff given access to the playing areas and ensure protocols for entering and exiting the playing areas are in place.

4. Fans and spectators will be located to provide at least 10 feet of distance from bands playing wind instruments from the stands.
5. These students will maintain appropriate distancing from game or contest participants at all times, including when on the sideline.

Spectators, Audiences, Fans and Media

BEISD may allow spectators to attend games, contests, or events within a maximum 50% capacity limitation, provided that appropriate spacing between spectators is maintained according to the protocol, and according to the following:

1. BEISD and/or host sites will post visible signs and/or messaging stating any individuals who are confirmed to have, suspected of having, are experiencing symptoms of, or have been in close contact with an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19 should not enter the facility.
2. Spectators, audiences, fans and media are required to wear face coverings as described in **Executive Order GA-29**.
3. Sites are encouraged to utilize remote ticketing options to help manage capacity limitations within a maximum 50% occupancy. Paper tickets and programming will be minimized to help avoid transferable materials.
4. If/when possible, set reserved times for entry to avoid mass arrivals.
5. Groups should maintain at least six feet of distance from other groups at all times, including the process of admission and seating. A group is defined as no more than 10 people including the members of the household and those persons who traveled together to the facility.
6. BEISD may not allow seating in consecutive rows, and should block off seating to maintain a minimum six feet of distance between groups.
7. Pathways for spectator ingress and egress should be clearly marked and unobstructed.
8. BEISD will provide hand sanitizing stations and/or hand washing stations at entrances and inside the facility where applicable.
9. Seating, handrails, and other common surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected prior to each game or contest.
10. Press Box seating will include social distancing of at least six feet between individuals when possible.
11. BEISD may limit access to working media providing coverage of the event to ensure protocols are followed.
12. Post-game interviews may be conducted while wearing face coverings and maintaining at least six feet of distance between the interviewer and individual being interviewed.

Concession Stands and Food Service

For games, contests, and events that will include concession stands or other food service, the following guidelines apply:

1. Staff, contractors, and volunteers involved in food service are required to wear face coverings as described in **Executive Order GA-29**.
2. BEISD will avoid leaving condiments, silverware, flatware, glassware, or other traditional table top items on unoccupied tables or at the counter. BEISD will only provide condiments or flatware upon request, and in single use, individually wrapped items.
3. Regularly clean and disinfect the food service counters and areas. Clean and disinfect dining areas (tables, etc.) after each patron departs.
4. Limit contact between the individuals involved in food service and patrons as much as possible. Have employees, contractors, and volunteers follow proper food-handling protocols.
5. Before each game, BEISD will follow the screening protocols described above to screen staff, contractors, and volunteers who will be involved in food service prior to events. These individuals will also self-screen as described in these screening protocols.

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