

# ***KLONDIKE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT***

## ***2021-2022 SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN***



***Our objective is to return to the social interaction of a connected learning environment while implementing reasonable measures for student and staff safety.***

*In light of the COVID-19 public health crisis, KISD has worked to develop a safe, efficient and responsible plan for the 2021-2022 school year, which will begin on Thursday, August 12. It is important that we accommodate the social, emotional, and health needs of our students and their families while simultaneously providing the high-quality education our students deserve. The following is a summary of the plan KISD will follow to educate students while mitigating the COVID-19 spread in schools based on the requirements and recommendations outlined by the Texas Education Agency.*

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## **01--Daily Procedures**

In order for KISD to return to social interactions of a connected learning environment, we will be implementing reasonable measures to help stop the spread of COVID-19. These procedures include screening for symptoms, reducing points of congestion in the building, enforcing regular hygiene, and implementing other prevention and mitigation tactics:

- ***District Transportation:***
  - Will be provided for students, but we are encouraging parents who are able to bring their student(s) to and from school.
  - All buses will have hand sanitizer dispensers placed in the stairwells for use when loading and unloading.
  - Buses will be wiped down and sanitized daily.
  - Bus windows will be partially open during routes to provide additional ventilation.
  
- ***Student drop off times in the mornings by parents:***
  - Students are to arrive on campus between **7:45 am** and 8:30 am. **No one will be allowed in the building before 7:45 a.m., except for extracurricular activities.**
  - All students PK-12 must enter through the doors by the main office.
  - Students will go directly to their designated table in the cafeteria and will be given the opportunity to eat breakfast until 8:20 am.
  
- ***Lunch Time:***
  - To allow for social interaction, students will eat together but must sit at their designated grade level table.
  - Lunch tables will be spread out in the cafeteria and foyer to provide room for social distancing.
  - All tables will be sanitized between mealtimes.
  - Students will be discouraged from sharing food and drink.



- ***PE, Recess, and Break Times:***
  - Students will enjoy daily PE and recess times that have been staggered to allow for appropriate socialization opportunities while reducing congestion.
- ***Pick up Times:***
  - Bus students will exit through the southeast gym doors.
  - PK-2nd will dismiss at 3:40 pm through the cafeteria doors. Parents will wait in vehicles and have students walk to their vehicle, or they can wait on the sidewalk.
  - 3rd-4<sup>th</sup> will exit through the cafeteria doors at 3:45 pm. Parents will wait in vehicles and have students walk to their vehicle, or they can wait on the sidewalk.
  - 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will exit through the cafeteria doors at 3:50. Parents will wait in vehicles and have students walk to their vehicle, or they can wait on the sidewalk.
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will leave through the southeast gym doors or front entrance.
  - *In the event of inclement weather, parents will be permitted to wait inside the cafeteria.*
- ***Taking Temperatures***
  - Parents are asked to keep students home and call the front office if their child has a temperature of 100.0 or above. No routine temperature screenings will be implemented at school.
- ***Visitors to campus:***
  - Visitors coming on campus through the main office doors and into the halls will be required to check in at the front office.
  - Visitors will be welcomed back to have lunch with students.
  - Birthday treats will be allowed, as well. Please refer to our guidelines (posted on website) when planning treats for your child's birthday.

## **02--Face Coverings**

Our first priority is the safety of our students, employees, families, and surrounding community, and we strive to make the most responsible decisions to facilitate a safe environment for all. We would also like to emphasize that because of the fluid nature of



this pandemic, CDC, state and local authority recommendations and mandates may be different on the first day of school than they are at the time of distribution of this information. We will adjust accordingly.

Face coverings may be worn by anyone who wishes to do so but are not required.

### **03--Remote Learning Plan**

We intend to operate in a 100% on site model for the entirety of the 2020-2021 school year. This plan is subject to change depending on state and federal mandates, but we are prepared to educate our students without interruption in any circumstance. In preparation for increased absences, we are prepared to deliver instruction to students remotely using technology that will allow students to participate and not fall behind but still be in accordance with TEA attendance guidelines.

Klondike ISD will utilize the following method of remote learning if we are required to close by the governing authorities.

- Asynchronous (PK-12<sup>th</sup>): defined as instruction that does not require having the instructor and student engaged at the same time. In this method, students learn from instruction that is not being delivered in-person or in real time.
  - Teachers will use a combination of online learning platforms, pre-recorded videos and packets to provide instruction, assignments, and assessments.
- To receive credit and attendance for the courses for this school year students are expected to complete the assignments. The grading policy is located in our campus handbooks. Grading policy will be the same for home learning as it is for on-campus learning.
- Per Texas Education Code TEC, 25.092, students must attend 90% of a course in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade level. This requirement remains in force during the 2021-22 school year.

**If you have any questions about remote learning, please call the office and talk to Mrs. Therwhanger.**



## **04--Cleaning Protocols**

To reduce the transmission of COVID-19, KISD has taken the following sanitation measures:

- Protocols for periodic cleaning and disinfecting of shared surfaces and objects will be implemented throughout the day, both inside and outside the classroom.
- The use of water stations will be minimized. Students are asked to bring a water bottle each day labeled with the student's name. Please dispose of these or wash/sanitize them every day.

## **05-- Distancing Guidelines & Supporting A Healthy Campus**

KISD will provide the same in-person learning environment students and families have always enjoyed, with the following common-sense protocols in place:

- Daily procedures have been adjusted to avoid congestion in common areas at the beginning and end of the day, as well as at lunch and recess.
- Desks and student seating will be spread out as much is reasonably possible as each classroom space allows.
- Teachers and staff will ensure students' maintain distance and reduce the shared use of materials.
- Lunchroom seating has been adjusted to assist in socially distancing students, while still allowing them the opportunity to sit together and have social interactions. Protocols will be implemented to reduce/prevent the handling of cups, utensils, and other supplies by multiple people.

Keeping our campus open for learning will require cooperation and support from all of our families. We know the Klondike family and community is up to the task, and we are counting on you to do your part to support this process. **Keeping your children at home when they are not feeling well is essential.**

- *(TEA Public Health Planning Guidance)* **Required Actions:** if Individuals with Test-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School 1. If an individual who has been in



a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local 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. Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form. The report must be submitted each Monday for the prior seven days(Monday-Sunday).

- KISD will follow the most updated TEA, CDC, and local health authority guidelines to make decisions on a students' removal from and return to campus after experiencing multiple COVID-19 symptoms, and or testing positive for COVID-19.

## **VACCINATIONS**

- KISD encourages all students and staff to take any of the CDC recommended COVID-19 vaccinations. Arrangements for staff and students to receive their vaccinations will be made. Staff will not be docked in any manner and students will receive an excused absence for the time needed to take the vaccine.
- Klondike ISD will partner with Medical Arts Hospital to distribute information about when and where to get vaccinated for students and staff.
- Appointments for vaccinations can be made using this link.  
<https://www.medicalartshospital.org/>

## **06-- Partial Closures & Plan Review**

- 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.
- We have an incredible staff who are ready to make this year a truly excellent experience for our entire community. We look forward to partnering with you and we will continue to evaluate our plan and reassess, as necessary, over the course of the next few weeks. We are praying for you and your family and we cannot wait to be together again on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Scheduled Dates of Review and Revision of these plans:**



December 2021

June 2023

June 2022

December 2023

December 2022

