Elkhart I.S.D.
COVID-19: Reopening School for 2020-2021

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The Administration team, along with Directors and Department leaders met on multiple dates beginning in July 2020 to create protocols for reopening school on August 13, 2020.

The team agreed that 2 options will be available for returning students:

Option 1- Normal start, Face-to-Face

Option 2- Virtual learning
Face-to-Face Instruction Protocols
Face-to-Face Protocols

**Maintenance and Mitigation:**

- Signage will be in hallways, entrances, exits, and cafeteria to promote hand-washing and other preventative measures/reminders.
- EISD website will post reminders for preventative measures.
- Sanitizers/wipes/spray/disinfectants will be available at each campus.
- Each campus restroom will have sanitizing stations at the doors, as well as student entrances and exits.
- Cafeterias will have sanitizers at each entrance and exit, including one to be taken to playground at elementary and intermediate lunch.
Face-to-Face Protocols, cont.’

Maintenance and Mitigation:

- Announcements will be made at each campus on a regular basis to remind students and staff of preventative measures to be taken.
- Supply lists will include “wipes without bleach or scent added.”
- Grades 3-12: students will disinfect desks, light switches, and pencil sharpeners. (TEA allows this when appropriate.)
- Restroom areas will be disinfected 3 times daily; morning, lunch, and at end of day.
- Cafeteria tables will be wiped 3 times daily; after first bell, and after lunches at all campuses.
Face-to-Face Protocols Cont.’

Entrance and Exits:

- Individuals 10 and older will be required to wear face masks. (Following Governor’s Orders)
- Individuals 9 years and younger are permitted to wear face masks.
- Large groups of students will be staggered when entering or exiting buildings.
- Students can report to classrooms or breakfast at 7:40.
Face-to-Face Protocols Cont.’

**Entrances and Exits:**

Students will be assigned certain entrances/exits so that large groups will be evenly distributed by grade level and building locations.

- Elementary: PK/K enter at Lower level, 1st/2nd enter at upper building through 1st grade door; bus riders enter at upper level double doors.
- Intermediate School- Entrances and exits of students will be staggered in their designated building.
Entrances and Exits:

- Middle School: Students will come into the building upon arrival, going to 1st period or to cafeteria for breakfast. Exits at the end of the school day will be staggered.

- High School: Students will come into the building upon arrival, going to 1st period class or to cafeteria for breakfast. Exits at the end of the school day will be staggered.
Face-to-Face Protocols Cont.’

Cafeteria:

● No salad bars or self-service will be provided.
● Cash register personnel will provide a la carte items to students.
● Distancing measures will be put in place at all campuses.
● Due to limited visitor access according to TEA guidelines, visitors will not be allowed to eat with students during lunch times.
Face-to-Face Protocols Cont.

**Cafeteria**
- To increase spacing during lunch, Elementary/Intermediate students may eat in classrooms as rotating schedules are produced.
- All tables will be utilized to maximize ability for students to distance themselves at each lunch time per grade level.
- Students at the Elementary/Intermediate will be allowed or assigned times to eat outside on a rotating basis to help with large groups.
- Sanitizers will be accessible for students during recess times.

**Elementary/Intermediate:**
Face-to-Face Protocols Cont.’

Cafeteria

Middle School/High School

- Students will utilize cafetorium, outside eating areas (3-4 per table) and gymnasiums (6 feet apart).
- Students will social distance while waiting in lines.
- Hot meals and “Grab and Go” lunches will be served.
- There will be two lunch periods each day.
Face-to-Face Protocols Cont.’

**Transportation:**

- Face coverings will be required for **all** bus riders and drivers.
- Upon boarding the bus, students will use hand sanitizer.
- Buses will be cleaned after each trip focusing on bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles. Windows will be open during cleaning.
- Parents should screen students for COVID-19 symptoms prior to boarding buses.
- Windows will be open when feasible during bus routes.
Face-to-Face Protocols Cont.’

**Extracurricular activities:**

- Only students participating in the Face-to-Face instructional model will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities, including clubs and organizations.

**P.E. Classes/Athletics:**

- Activities will be conducted outside when appropriate.
- Social distancing will be monitored and encouraged throughout.
- Coaches will follow UIL rules and assign PE lockers in intervals.
Face-to-Face Protocols Cont.’

**P.E. Classes/Athletics**

- Activities during classes will be stationary. Examples include: jump rope, hula hoops, stretches, racing, abdominal exercises, and skills’ portion of sports.
- Cohorts will be established for groups of 10-15 students.
- Resources will be disinfected between classes.
- Facilities will be disinfected after use by outside organizations.
Self-Screening

- Staff will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to campus each day.
- Parents are expected to screen children daily.
- Parents will be provided a form to guide the self-screening process.
“Safe” rooms:

- **Students with temperature 100.4 and above** will be provided an area to wait for parents/guardians to pick them up from school.
- Parents will be asked to pick up specified student immediately.
- A designated staff member will be responsible to stay with the student during this time in this specific area on the campus.
- The area will be sanitized immediately after the student is picked up from school.
Confirmed COVID-19 Diagnosis:

1. The parent notifies the campus secretary.
2. The campus secretary notifies the principal and superintendent’s office.
3. A Zippslip notification letter will be sent from the superintendent’s secretary.
4. The superintendent will notify the County Health Official.
Lab-Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19:

1. Stay home throughout infection period.
2. For re-entry, three criterion must be met:
   ● 24 hours fever-free without medication to reduce fever
   ● Improvement of symptoms
   ● Ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared

OR

The individual must receive a medical release stating the individual is COVID-19 Free.
Virtual Learning

Virtual Learning Students **are not allowed to participate in extracurricular activities including clubs/organizations.**

- Asynchronous learning will be offered through Google Classrooms, involving teaching staff creating video lessons as well as providing resources to students.
- Asynchronous learning is a model of virtual learning in which the student can work at his/her own pace throughout the day, without live interaction on a scheduled basis. Students will be provided a recommended schedule to follow.
Virtual Learning, cont.’

- Students will show proof of participation in daily virtual instruction by satisfactorily completing assigned activities to demonstrate evidence of student learning.
- Students and parents will communicate with the teacher when needing additional assistance, etc.
- All instruction will be connected to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.
Virtual Learning, cont.’

● When having difficulty, the students will be able to review previously recorded video lessons as often as necessary to grasp concepts.

● Google Classroom will be utilized as our Learning Management System, and students will have access to technology devices and be expected to access the platform weekly.