ECISD COVID-19 protocols as of August 6, 2021

Per the Governor's Executive Order in May, masks are not required to be worn.

Ector County ISD leaders strongly recommend staff and students wear masks when inside school district buildings, in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC.

In-person attendance is required for all students. The Texas Legislature has made no provision for students to attend school remotely, full-time*. *On 8/5 the Texas Education Agency released guidance that will provide for limited attendance for students via remote conferencing if a student is out of school due to COVID.

Campus Safety
We are asking all staff & students to self-screen for COVID symptoms** before coming to work/school. If you are sick, stay home**. **fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

Hand sanitizer will be available upon entering each building, each classroom and cafeterias.

Routines for regular cleaning and disinfecting for high-touch surfaces.

Remind students of handwashing and respiratory etiquette (i.e., sneeze into your elbow, keep distanced from other where feasible); proper mask-wearing guidelines.

Masks and shields are available for anyone who wants or needs them.

Teachers will keep seating charts in order to contact trace efficiently and effectively.

At this time, cafeterias will be used for lunch service
  o appropriate distancing will be used where feasible
  o additional sneeze guards in food service lines as needed
  o staff will frequently clean and disinfect tables and other hard surfaces
  o classes will be kept together while eating
  o OCA, OCTECHS, OHS and PHS juniors and seniors may leave campus for lunch. (New Tech Odessa has a closed campus)

Water bottles will be provided for all students during breakfast each day; refill stations will be open; water fountains will be closed.

School-wide activities and events should be held virtually or outdoors when feasible.
Our Transportation Department is following current Public Health **Guidance for Buses**
- will run at normal capacity
- windows open to allow additional circulation of air
- hand sanitizer is required upon entering the bus
- buses will be sanitized twice daily.

Athletics and Fine Arts are following current TEA guidance for participation. Concerts, events, and trips are permitted.

**Reporting**

ECISD staff must report a positive COVID-19 test to their supervisor and fill out the appropriate reporting form. Students must report a positive COVID-19 test to their school nurse.

Staff or students who test positive or are showing symptoms of COVID-19, new to them, will be required to quarantine/self-isolate, in accordance with guidelines recommended by the CDC and Ector County Health Department.

Daily notifications of positive tests will be sent via e-mail to staff and parents directly impacted.

ECISD will offer COVID-19 testing to staff and students who become ill at school. Students may be tested with a **parent’s consent before testing**.

**General Volunteers (VIPS)** - Volunteers essential to a school, campus, or program’s function may be allowed on campus with specific permission of the principal or director. All opportunities will be posted in VOLY and reviewed by Development Office. Volunteer must follow same safety protocols and training set in place by district for staff and visitors.