As always, Texas City ISD continues to monitor any health risks that arise in our community. The district receives regular updates and guidance from Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Texas Education Agency (TEA) Commissioner Mike Morath, Galveston County Health District Local Health Authority Dr. Philip Kaiser and other local, state and federal agencies regarding response, prevention and mitigation efforts. Below our health practices for the 2021-2022 school year. The plan is subject to change based on additional information and guidance from any of the above mentioned agencies.

Practices for Screening

**Screening Practices**

* Staff is required to self-screen for symptoms of illness, such as fever, vomiting, or diarrhea prior to reporting to work each day.
* Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for symptoms of illness, such as fever, vomiting, or diarrhea prior to sending their children to school.
* All visitors will have to screen for symptoms of illness, including having their temperature checked, upon arrival inside the school.

**Isolation Practices**

* Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than 1 hour from the time the campus contacted the student’s parent/guardian.

Practices for Personal Health

**General**

* + Frequent hand washing and hand sanitization will help to ensure the health and wellness of students and staff.
  + Covering coughs and sneezes in your elbow or with a tissue is best practice.
  + The district highly recommends face masks to be worn by everyone on school buses and inside district facilities.
  + Social Distancing up to 3 feet will be in place everywhere possible, as space is available.

**Hand Washing and Sanitizing**

* Hand sanitizing stations are available at all district facilities.
* As always, staff will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands.
* As always, students will be required to regularly wash hands throughout the school day.

**Face Coverings**

* Texas City ISD highly recommends face coverings be worn. Please socially distance when possible, and we ask everyone to cover their mouth/nose when they cough/sneeze and to wash hands frequently.

Practices for Buses

* Face coverings are highly recommended for everyone on the bus.
* Seating charts will be used for contact tracing purposes.
* Windows will be open for ventilation as much as possible.
* School buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily.

Practices for Cafeterias

* Seating charts will be used for contact tracing purposes.
* The cafeteria will be disinfected between each use.

Practices for Classrooms

**General**

* Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will promote a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff.
* Each classroom will have a hand sanitizer station.
* Where possible, social distancing of 3 feet will be in place.
* Seating charts will be used for contact tracing purposes.

**Daily Campus Cleaning**

* Each classroom and restroom will be disinfected regularly.
* All high touch area will be disinfected regularly.
* Staff will have access to disinfectant and sanitize working surfaces and shared objects, as appropriate.

Practices for Common Areas

* Campuses will develop schedules, and practices for the use of common areas that support healthy students.
* Air purifiers will be used in common areas such as cafeterias.

Practices for Restrooms

* Proper handwashing techniques will be taught to all students and consistently reinforced.
* Signage will be posted to remind students of best hygiene practices.

Practices for Special Education

* Equipment used in Special Education classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily.

Practices for Positive Cases

* Parents and employees are expected to report positive COVID-19 cases in their household to their campus nurses.
* The Galveston County Health District will be notified of positive cases.
* Staff and students, regardless of vaccination status who have tested positive, must isolate for 5 days. They can return to campus on the sixth day if symptoms have improved and they have been fever free for the last 48 hours without fever-reducing medication. They should continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. If you have a fever, continue to stay home until fever free for 48 hours. An adult should bring the child to the nurse on their first day back to get clearance to return to class. Please do not have them ride the bus on the first day back before seeing the nurse.
* Students (vaccinated or unvaccinated) who have a household exposure are required to quarantine for 5 days. They will report to the school nurse on Day 6 for a COVID-19 test. If the results are negative, they can return to campus on Day 6 and it is highly recommended that they wear a face mask for the remaining 5 days. If a test is not taken, they must quarantine for the full 10 days. An adult should bring the child to the nurse on their first day back to get clearance to return to class. Please do not have them ride the bus on the first day back before seeing the nurse.
* Fully vaccinated staff who have a household exposure, or meet the definition of close contact, with a COVID-19 positive individual can come to work if they can self-isolate from the household exposure. They must have a negative rapid test at the start of each day, at least once every other day until the end of day 10 and it is highly recommended that they wear a face mask during that time. If a test is not taken, they must quarantine for the full 10 days. For staff who are fully vaccinated that have a household exposure, or meet the definition of close contact, with a COVID-19 positive individual and cannot self-isolate, it is recommended that the staff stays home in quarantine for 5 days. However, they will be allowed to work on Day 6 with a negative rapid test at the start of each day, at least once every other day until the end of day 10 and are highly recommended to wear a face mask during that time. If a test is not taken, they must quarantine for the full 10 days.
* For staff who are not fully vaccinated that have a household exposure, or meet the definition of close contact, with a COVID-19 positive individual, can come to work if they can self-isolate from the household exposure. They must have a negative rapid test at the start of each day, at least once a day until the end of day 10 and are highly encouraged to wear a face mask during that time. If a test is not taken they must quarantine for the full 10 days. For staff who are not fully vaccinated that have a household exposure, or meet the definition of close contact, with a COVID-19 positive individual and cannot self-isolate, it is recommended that the staff stays home in quarantine for 5 days. However, they will be allowed to work on Day 6 with a negative rapid test at the start of each day, at least once a day until the end of day 10 and are highly recommended to wear a face mask during that time. If a test is not taken, they must quarantine for the full 10 days.
* Texas City ISD will contact trace to identify close contacts and report them to Galveston County Health District.

Practices for Missed Instruction

* Texas City ISD can provide remote conferencing for students who are out due to COVID-19. Contact the school nurse for eligibility.
* Teachers can send work home for students to work on while out. If a student needs additional support to complete assignments, the student may wait until they return to campus.
* Once a student returns to school, they should attend tutorials for missed instruction.
* Students will have extended time to get makeup work submitted for a grade.

Practices for Communication

* Parents and employees will be notified by letter when there is a positive case that they may have come into contact with on campus.
* The District will inform the Galveston County Health District of positive cases.
* The District will update the weekly Dashboard of positive cases.

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