



# San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District

## RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN 2021-2023

### FEDERAL GUIDELINES - ESSER

- (a) *An LEA must describe in its plan under section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services –*
- (b) *how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.*

### IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

San Felipe-Del Rio CISD will provide instruction in-person. We will not provide remote instruction as an optional choice. Under certain circumstances, such as an absence due to illness, students may be supported through electronic means.

### 2021-22 RETURN TO IN-PERSON SAFETY PLAN

SFDRCID's safety plan focuses on communicating clear expectations, implementing preventative measures, responding quickly and consistently to cases. Our safety plan and protocols are in compliance with recommendations provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and local health authorities.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AND PERSONAL HYGIENE

- The wearing of masks is optional, but highly encouraged in SFDRCID.
  - Per the Governor's Executive Order (GA38), *"In areas where the COVID-19 transmission rate is high, individuals are encouraged to follow the safe practices they have already mastered, such as wearing face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household, but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering."*
  - SFDRCID cannot require students or staff to wear a mask; however, we highly encourage all staff and students to wear a mask. If in the event an individual is suspected of having a communicable illness (such as flu, COVID-19, etc.), he/she will be provided a mask to wear until the he/she has been picked up by his/her parent or guardian, or has been sent home by his/her immediate supervisor.
- The Texas Education Agency's [School Health Operations Requirements](#) state that school systems must allow individuals to wear a mask if they choose to do so.

### HEALTH SCREENING

- Students, staff, or visitors may not enter a district facility if any of the following apply:
  - Diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - Parents must pre-screen their students' health condition and all employees must pre-screen their health condition daily using the criteria below:
    - Exhibiting one major or two minor COVID-19 symptoms
      - Major Symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever (100.0 or greater) and/or chills
- Persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Minor symptoms of COVID-19
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Diarrhea/nausea/vomiting
  - Sudden onset of persistent headache
- A “yes” response to any of the above criteria requires the individual to remain at home. The parent/guardian should contact the campus nurse for further guidance on the student’s return to school. A staff member should contact their immediate supervisor and the Human Resources Department.
- 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).
- An individual diagnosed with COVID-19 may return to school when **all three** of the CDC symptom-based criteria are met:
  - 10 days since the start of symptoms
  - 24 hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications
  - Improved symptoms

*Note: All individuals must be released from the local health authority before returning to school or work. Student absences will be recorded as a student illness in accordance with the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook. In accordance with board policy, all employees are required to provide medical certification for absences more than 5 consecutive workdays. Employees will also be required to use their accumulated sick leave.*

## **CLOSE CONTACT**

- “Close contact” is defined as coming into contact in one of the following ways with an individual who has a lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 diagnosis:
  - Direct exposure to infectious secretions
  - Being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes
  - Either of the above occurred in the past 10 days, while the infected individual was infectious

## **CONTACT TRACING**

- SFDRCSID will conduct general close contact tracing for the purposes of notification to the local health authority (LHA). SFDRCSID will notify staff members and the parents of students who have generally been in close contact with a lab confirmed positive COVID-19 case so that they may closely and carefully monitor themselves for symptoms.

## **RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE COVID-19 CASES ON CAMPUS – STUDENT**

- Campuses must immediately separate any student who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms while at school.

- A Rapid Antigen Test may be administered if parent consent has been given.
- Parents (guardians) who are contacted must immediately pick up their student from school and await further guidance from the Local Health Authority. The school nurse will provide the parent with the criteria for their return to school.
- Asymptomatic siblings or household contacts of the symptomatic person must also remain at home until the LHA has cleared the individuals to return to campus.
- District staff must immediately disinfect and clean affected areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms as soon as is feasible.

## QUARANTINE

- **The determination of a quarantine lies solely on the student's health care provider and local health authority not the school district.**

## RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE COVID-19 CASES ON CAMPUS – EMPLOYEE

- Any employee who suspects COVID-19 symptoms must immediately contact their supervisor and the Human Resources Department through the [covid\\_response@sfdr-cisd.org](mailto:covid_response@sfdr-cisd.org) link.
- Rapid Antigen Test may be administered if consent is given.
- Employees must remain at home and await further guidance and clearance from the Local Health Authority.
- District staff must immediately disinfect and clean affected areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms as soon as is feasible.

## REQUIRED ACTIONS IF INDIVIDUALS WITH LAB-CONFIRMED CASES HAVE BEEN IN A DISTRICT FACILITY

- The Campus Contact must promptly complete and submit the appropriate COVID Reporting Form for Employees if an SFDR CISD employee has been in a district facility and is reported to be lab-confirmed with COVID-19. When the Campus Contact has completed the report, he or she must provide a notification to affected staff and parents of a confirmed case on campus.
- The School Nurse must promptly complete and electronically submit the COVID Reporting Form for Students if an SFDR CISD student has been in a district facility and is reported to be lab-confirmed with COVID-19. When the School Nurse has completed the report, the Campus Contact must provide a notification to affected parents and staff of a confirmed case on campus.
- The SFDR CISD Health Services Coordinator will notify the Val Verde County LHA, 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).
- Close contacts will be notified by the Local Health Authority with further instructions regarding testing and quarantine for COVID-19.

## CLEANING AND SANITATION

- SFDR CISD has developed a targeted cleaning process that specifically addresses COVID-19.
  - District custodial employees have been trained on COVID-19 safety protocols.

- Each district facility will be cleaned daily with EPA approved products in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Campus facilities and classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily using a disinfectant fogging system.
- Restrooms, cafeterias, and computer labs will undergo extensive cleaning and sanitizing after each day's use.
- If a lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 case occurs within a district facility, additional cleaning measures will be taken, as appropriate.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be readily available in all school facilities.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks, shields, and desk dividers are available upon request.

#### **OTHER MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

- Through the assistance of ESSER funding, the District will purchase and install portable air purifiers in every classroom district-wide to help mitigate and reduce the spread of infectious diseases.