

HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SAFE LEARNING PLAN

2021-2022 (Updated June 2021)

The Hancock Public School District is committed to maintaining the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and community members and will follow the below safety protocols during the 2021-2022 school year.

- (A) **Face Coverings:** Face coverings are encouraged, but not required on school transportation vehicles. School transportation vehicles will be sanitized after each use.
- (B) **Physical Distancing:** Due to our facility and building size, physical distancing will not be possible when holding in-person instruction. Because we cannot maintain physical distancing in our district during in-person instruction, we will require families to be vigilant in self-screening measures. In addition, our district will work diligently in contact tracing and in the implementation of quarantining measures when necessary.
- (C) **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette:** The Hancock Public School District will continue to provide hand sanitizer in each classroom and at the entrances of school buildings and other high frequented locations. Classrooms throughout the district will encourage frequent handwashing.

We will implement measures to prevent the spread of respiratory infections from anyone in an educational setting with signs or symptoms by doing the following:

- (a) Post signs at entrances asking students and visitors to self-screen for symptoms before entering the building.
 - (b) Require those that develop symptoms to do the following:
 - (i) Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
 - (ii) Use tissues and throw them away.
 - (iii) Wash hands or use a hand sanitizer every time there is contact with a mouth or nose.
 - (c) Providing tissues and no-touch receptacles for their disposal.
 - (d) Providing resources for performing hand hygiene in or near waiting areas, classrooms, and other highly frequented locations.
 - (e) Offer masks to those that become symptomatic while in the building.
 - (f) Provide space and place symptomatic students in the nurse's office while waiting for someone to pick them up.
- (D) **Cleaning and Maintaining Facilities:** The district will continue to clean and disinfect school buildings and locations on a consistent basis. When custodial staff is unable to provide a deep cleaning of building locations, disinfecting of high touch surfaces will be prioritized. Disinfecting wipes will be provided to classrooms as another disinfecting tool. HVAC filters will be consistently replaced to improve building ventilation.

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(E) **Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine:** Contact tracing will be conducted anytime we are aware of a positive case or exposure in our school buildings. Families will be notified if their child has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case. In the event of an exposure families will receive instruction from the district on quarantining. For information, the Hancock School encourages, but does not require, a quarantine period. The CDC recommends a 14-day quarantine period, with two other options: (1) 7-day quarantine period (test on day 5 or after) or (2) 10-day quarantine period without a test. Any person who lives in the same household as the person that tested positive or a person who has tested positive is required to quarantine and will receive specific instructions from the district. If a person has been vaccinated, contract tracing, isolation, and quarantine does not apply.

(F) **Diagnostic and Screening Testing:** If you're sick, stay home. All people entering HANCOCK SCHOOL facilities are expected to perform a self-health screening ([attached](#)) prior to entering the building (screening for elementary children must be completed by an adult).

(a) Tool: I understand that prior to my student returning to school on-site, I am required to daily self-certify for each student:

- (i) My student is not exhibiting any of the following symptoms associated with COVID-19:
 - 1) New onset cough; OR
 - 2) Shortness of breath by themselves: OR
 - 3) 2 of the following:
 - a) fever (100.4 or higher)
 - b) chills
 - c) muscle pain
 - d) sore throat
 - e) loss of sense of smell or taste
 - f) gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea
- (ii) My student has not been in close contact (having spent at least 15 minutes within 6 feet of the case) with anyone within the last 14 days who has been quarantined or isolated due to COVID-19.
- (iii) My student has not been advised by any medical provider or health authority that he/she may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- (iv) I will immediately notify the District if I am unable to self-certify for any of the above reasons for my students. I also understand that in the case that I am notified that my student may have been exposed to COVID-19 or start to exhibit any of the symptoms above while at school, I will immediately pick-up my student when contacted by the district.

(G) **Accommodations for Children with Disabilities:** Parents or guardians of children with disabilities seeking accommodations with respect to health and safety should be in direct contact with their child's case manager. Accommodations can then be discussed at the team level.

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(H) **Coordination of State and Local Health Officials:** The school district will continue to monitor federal, state, and local guidance in regards to COVID-19 protocols. As direction changes, communication will be provided to our staff and families.

(I) **Continuity of Services:** The school district will continue to provide services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs which will include student health and food services.

(J) **Plan Changes:**

(a) A review of this plan must occur within six months of publication.

(b) Any changes to the plan will be submitted for public comment.

(K) **Parent Accommodations:** Upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.