

Sweet Home Independent School District

Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

2021-2022

The following Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of services Plan protocols, addressing CDC recommendations, and requirements at a minimum will be revisited every 6 months to address any changes. Our goal is to ensure a continuity of services for all our students in the areas of academics, social emotional, health and food services.

Procedures for district

As the information from the CDC continues to change, these procedures will change as well. Sweet Home ISD will update any changes throughout the year. A six week evaluation will be required at the end of the first six weeks of the 2021-2022 school year.

- Social distancing will be encouraged.
- Lunch in the cafeteria will only be available to Sweet Home ISD students and staff. Parents/ visitors will not be able to have lunch with students. This procedure will be reevaluated every six weeks. Changes to cafeteria procedures will be shared with parents.
- Meet the teacher, assemblies, open house, parent conferences, etc. will be held in person. Social distancing will be encouraged. Virtual/ telephone parent conferences will still be allowed upon parent request.
- Visitors to the Sweet Home ISD campus must sign in at the front office and will not be allowed past the main office area without escort or notification to specific areas occupied by students and/or staff.
- Parents will not be allowed to walk students to classrooms.
- Students leaving during the day for appointments will need a doctor's note to return.

CDC Safety Recommendations

According to a proclamation by the Governor of Texas, masks are optional and no longer required. Sweet Home ISD will continue to support staff and students who wish to continue wearing personal protective equipment.

Academic Services

Sweet Home ISD academic offerings will be on-sight, virtual learning will not be an option unless the situation with COVID-19 changes and requires re-evaluation. Procedures will be in place to facilitate transition to on-sight/remote instruction within a three day window.

- Sweet Home ISD will designate Mandatory Intervention and Enrichment time in the campus schedule.
- Staff schedules will facilitate small group and individual support instruction opportunities.
- Before and/or after school tutoring will be offered.
- Summer school remediation will be available.

Counseling and Support

- Sweet Home ISD will continue to develop and support a counseling program that address the social emotional needs of students and families.
- Sweet Home ISD's Safe and Supportive Schools Program Committee will continue to monitor the safety and emotional well-being of students.
- Staff development will be offered to staff related to student concern identification and available support.
- All students in Sweet Home ISD will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year.

Instructional Setting

- The district will practice social distancing when possible.
- Students will be encouraged to remain 3 feet apart in the classrooms.
- Student and staff desks or tables will be socially distanced to the extent facility limitations allow.
- Desk shields will be available for student use upon request of the student or parent.

- Academic support items to include technology devices, student manipulatives, and shared equipment in rotating classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected during transition periods.
- The use of outdoor space for learning will be available and afforded to teachers for planning purposes.
- Whenever possible, students and staff will maintain consistent groupings of people to minimize exposure opportunity.
- All meals will be served in the cafeteria with assigned grade level seating for students.

Children with Disabilities

- Recommended procedures will be applied to all classroom settings, including special education services locations when possible and appropriate. Individual student needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- Sweet Home has added a special programs coordinator/ teacher position beginning the 21-22 school year in order to better support all our children in need of assistance to include special education, 504, dyslexia, RtI, and STAAR failure.

Handwashing, Physical Education, and Restroom Designations

- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at all entry and exit sites to common areas, in classrooms, in the cafeteria, at restroom doors, and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Hand washing/ sanitizing will continue at transitions, upon return from outdoors, before eating, and restroom breaks.
- Proper handwashing technique will be taught to students in pre-kindergarten through first grades, and consistently reinforced at all grade levels.
- Student supplies will not be shared and individual student identified when possible.
- Students will wash/ sanitize hands before using PE equipment.
- In order to limit occupancy, facility access during whole group restroom breaks will be monitored by staff.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

- Classrooms and restrooms will be disinfected daily. Restrooms will be cleaned by custodial staff every morning prior to student arrival on campus.
- High touch areas will be disinfected daily.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize working surfaces and shared objects after each use and during breaks in instruction.
- Cafeteria tables will be cleaned after each grade level use.

Contact Tracing / Quarantine

- Sweet Home ISD will follow Center for Disease Control, Texas Education Agency and the DeWitt County Health Department concerning positive tests and close contact for students and staff at Sweet Home ISD.
- Contact tracing will continue for any person who tests positive for COVID.
- Vaccinated individuals, with proof of prior vaccination, will not be subject to quarantine requirements.

Vaccination Support

- Sweet Home ISD will continue to communicate the importance of vaccination and maintain documentation of vaccination locations in the surrounding communities.
- Sweet Home ISD will continue support and coordination of information publications of State and local health officials.
- Sweet Home ISD will continue to follow recommendations from the DeWitt County Health Department, the Texas Education Agency and the State of Texas.