



MABANK ISD  
Safe Return to In-Person  
Instruction Plan  
2021-2022

# School Year Guidance 2021-2022

PLEASE NOTE: The details in this document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities and/or health officials or as environmental conditions change.

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## Rationale and Purpose

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During the 2020-2021 school year, Mabank Independent School District implemented both Face-to-Face and Virtual Instructional models in response to the COVID pandemic. Given the success of in-person instruction during the 2020-2021 school year Mabank Independent School District will open the 2021-2022 school year with in-person instruction as the sole option for all students.

The purpose of this document is to outline operational protocols and procedures that will allow for the continued safety of students and staff during the 2021-2022 school year while mitigating the spread of COVID-19. This plan serves as a reminder of our mitigation policies that may be implemented if cases and/or quarantine numbers rise during the school year.

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# Student & Staff Safety Protocols

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The following is organized to meet the four governing areas released from TEA in response to COVID-19

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## **Provide Notice: Parental and Public Communications**

- Broad general notices, such as this one, including any updates and/or amendments will be made available through our District website [www.mabankisd.net](http://www.mabankisd.net).
- Specific case information will be communicated personally to the family involved as well as the local health department and Texas Department of State Health Services.
- General case information will be communicated via skyward family access as well as email to the campus audience involved.

## **Prevent: Practices to prevent the virus from entering the school**

- Staff will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to work each day.
- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school.
- Teachers will monitor students and refer to the nurse if symptoms are present.

## **Respond: Practices to respond to a test confirmed case in schools**

- When an individual student or staff member is believed to have COVID-19, the individual will immediately be isolated and the school nurse will determine if and when the individual needs to be sent home.
- Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to stay home and must not return to school until symptoms have improved, they are fever free for 24 hours without fever suppressing medications and 10 days have passed from the onset of symptoms. If the individual is A-symptomatic, the 10 day exclusion period will begin the day they received COVID positive test results.

- Students or staff who are determined to have come into close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual may be asked to self-quarantine. Close contact is defined as living in the same household, caring for a sick person with the virus, being within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period without the use of a face covering, or being in direct contact with secretions from the sick person.
- Any area confirmed to have a COVID-19 positive case will be thoroughly sanitized prior to continued use.
- Any absences associated with COVID will require a lab confirmed positive test result to be excused as such.

### **Mitigate: Practices to reduce potential spread in schools**

- Traditional cleaning protocols will be enhanced to increase cleaning frequency in high traffic areas as well as include a sanitation response to a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant to sanitize working surfaces and shared objects after each use and during breaks in instruction.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the entries to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Staff and students will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands specifically upon return from outdoors, before eating, following restroom breaks.
- Although not required given Governor's order GA-36, masks are acceptable for those that wish. Partitions may be in place in certain locations to offer increased barriers to COVID-19 transmission.
- Social distancing practices will be employed to the fullest extent possible to include video conferencing, classroom/seating arrangements, entry/exit and hallway practices, staggered use of common areas in addition to the use of outdoor space where applicable.
- Measures will take place to reduce the sharing of any instructional supplies. Any communal supplies will be sanitized between use.
- Recommended procedures will be applied to all settings, including special education service locations when possible and appropriate. Students' individual needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.