

Anson ISD

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan
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Pre-Kindergarten - 12th Grade

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About This Strategic Plan

This plan is designed to share systems and communicate the District plans to safely return students and staff to Anson ISD buildings and learning environments. These systems will include plans to ensure continuity of services to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs due to COVID-19.

Attendance

All learning will be face-to-face for the 2021-2022 school year. Attendance will be required daily for all students. At this time, online learning will not be available for the 2021-2022 school year unless otherwise directed by federal, state, or local government mandates.

Additional Attendance Procedures

- AISD requires sick students and staff members to stay home.

Calendar

Due to the potential for school closures from COVID-19, adjustments to the District calendar may include:

- Adding minutes to the end of the school day to make up for the missed time.
- Adding days at the end of the calendar to make up for the missed time.

Continuity of Services

Anson ISD will continue to provide full-time, in-person learning addressing the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students. If COVID-19 related issues arise that require quarantining, all students will have access to asynchronous learning through Google Classroom. In addition, students with disabilities will continue to have access to their specialized instruction, related services, modifications/ accommodations as outlined in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to the fullest extent that such specialized instruction, related services, modifications, and accommodations can be implemented in a remote-learning model.

Maintaining the Health & Safety of all Stakeholders

The health and safety of staff and students are priorities. Schools have been completely cleaned and disinfected and Anson ISD will continue to adhere to all necessary safety precautions. All campuses and departments will be responsible for accurate record keeping of daily schedules, and attendance for contact tracing purposes.

Facility/Transportation Disinfection Measures

- E-mist Electrical Charge Disinfecting.
- Safe and correct disinfection of all facilities & busses daily.
- Touchpoints disinfected frequently.
- Appropriate, operational ventilation systems.

Daily Self Screening

It is every individual's responsibility to assess their health each morning.

- Any student, staff member, caregiver, or community member, shall not enter any District facility if they feel sick, have concerning new/different symptoms, or are running a fever greater than 100.3. Under these circumstances, individuals should contact their health care provider for guidance. Employees should notify their direct supervisor; students/caregivers should notify their school.
- Anyone who has been in close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 or any other communicable illness shall follow [TEA Guidance](#) with the consultation of the school nurse and/or supervisor.

Social Distancing

Anson ISD employees, students, caregivers, and approved visitors/volunteers should practice social distancing and eliminate contact with others to the extent possible.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Masks are appreciated but not required unless otherwise directed by federal, state, or local government mandates.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Anson ISD employees, students, caregivers, & approved visitors/volunteers should practice the following handwashing & respiratory etiquette:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Used tissues should be thrown away immediately.
- Students should be expected to wash their hands thoroughly, twice daily in addition to when they use the restroom and before eating.

Coordination with State and Local Health Officials

We have created this plan to aid in the reestablishment of our schools so that employees, students, and families feel safe and reduce the impact of any virus, disease, or illness upon returning to the District. The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance

from the Jones County Health Authority, Texas Education Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and World Health Organization (WHO). Regular updates will be made to this plan based on information provided by these agencies. Employees who have questions or concerns about this re-entry plan should contact their supervisor. Caregivers and students who have questions or concerns about COVID-19 should contact their school principal.

Social-emotional Well-being of Students and Staff

The District/campus counselors will provide resources for caregivers and teachers to access. The counselors will work with students individually or in small groups to address any needs.

Classroom Procedure

All administrators with the help of teachers are asked to create procedures to promote a safe and sanitary environment to the best of their ability following the measures below.

- Arrange seating for social distancing to the extent possible.
- Create a schedule for sanitizing and disinfecting surfaces and frequent touchpoints.
- Increase airflow from outdoors whenever possible.
- Use outdoor learning areas whenever possible.
- Provide the opportunity for students to disinfect their own spaces before and after use, in ways that are safe and developmentally appropriate.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom & staff will require its use frequently amongst students.
- Remind students to catch their cough and sneeze.
- Develop a routine during the day to clean and disinfect the classroom including frequently touched surfaces and shared items.

Nurse Procedures (Non-COVID-19 Situations)

- The nurse will handle as many students as possible outside the student's classroom door.
- Teachers will address minor injuries as appropriate with the classroom first aid kit (use good judgment, ex: paper cut).
- Any sick person will be placed in a dedicated isolation room.

Exposure to COVID-19 Procedures

- Any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 must adhere to the [DSHS/TEA guidance regarding quarantine](#).

- Parents should notify the school nurse and the school principal if their child tests positive for COVID-19.
- When the school becomes aware that a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19, the individuals considered to have been in "close contact" will be notified WITHOUT identifying the affected student. All should then follow Jones County Health Authority, DSHS, [TEA](#), and CDC guidance.

Extracurricular Activities

All extracurricular and athletic events will follow participation guidelines set by the UIL (University Interscholastic League).

Visitors

Before visitors are allowed on campuses, visitors will self-screen for symptoms of contagious illness including COVID-19 symptoms. If they are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below.

- In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return/enter school when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough or shortness of breath); &
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. If the individual never experienced symptoms, at least 10 days have passed since the date of COVID-19 testing.

Additionally, visitors must self-screen for close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until the 14-day incubation period has passed.

Communication and Plan Information

Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school or non-instructional building if a lab confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers, or staff who participate in any activity in the school or non-instructional building. Those determined to have been in close contact by Jones County Health Authority's contact tracing investigation will be notified regarding testing and quarantine guidelines.

Please use the following platforms to stay updated on all information including Covid-19 vaccination efforts in the community:

1. Teachers, students, and caregivers need to check their email often. These messages are very timely and sensitive in nature.
2. Listen to automated calls from the District, and/or read text messages. These messages are very timely and sensitive in nature.
3. Google Classroom Grades Pre-K–12.

Periodic Review and Revision of the Plan

Anson ISD will review and revise the plan at least every six months. These revisions will take into account parent and community feedback, as well as updated guidance from the Texas Education Agency.

Stakeholder Input

Input was sought on this plan from all stakeholders including: students, parents (families), school and district administrators, special education administrators, teachers, principals, staff, business members, church officials, and community members. Stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English Language Learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migrant students, and other underserved students were included in the planning. These opportunities for public input included open meetings, parent surveys, student surveys, community surveys, and staff surveys. The district also held numerous administrative meetings.