

# PAINT CREEK ISD

## 2021-22 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

### Maintaining Our In-Person Model

The Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC), national experts, as well as the Office of the Governor have reinforced that access to in-person learning is a priority. We have experienced first-hand that in-person access to school is the best approach for students to be educated, have equitable and effective access to educational opportunities, access necessary support and nutrition, as well as engage in activities which promote social and emotional wellness. We would like families to feel comfortable and confident in sending all children back to in-person learning and we are prepared to keep our schools safe.

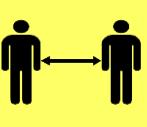
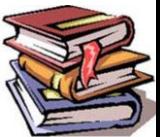
Paint Creek Independent School District (PCISD) plans to operate with full in-person schooling for 2021-22. TEA and the Texas Legislature do not anticipate the need to mandate, due to public health necessity, that school districts provide a remote learning option for students and their families for the 2021-22 school year. Therefore, the remote learning option will no longer be in place in PCISD. If public health circumstances or state requirements change, the district will revisit this.

We will continue to make excellent use of technology for innovative learning, including providing avenues for personalized learning and enrichment, supporting learning acceleration, and for specialized courses at the secondary level.

We will also deploy layers of mitigation strategies (mask-wearing, social distancing, hand-washing) as required or needed depending upon COVID-19 circumstances as we return next year. Our experience this year was that the virus was not transmitted in school, likely due to these mitigation strategies. As a public health strategy, we also encourage families to consider vaccinating their children, when age-eligible.

The PCISD Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan is summarized in the chart below. Please email any feedback or comments on this plan to [kwallace@paintcreek.esc14.net](mailto:kwallace@paintcreek.esc14.net).

| Health and Safety Strategies  |  |
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|  | <p><b>Stay Home If Ill</b></p> <p>Students and adults must stay home if they are feeling sick, have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Morning Health Check at Home</b></p> <p>In order to prevent transmission among the school population, check to ensure temperature is below <b>100.4 degrees Fahrenheit</b> and observe for <a href="#">symptoms associated with COVID 19</a> outlined by public health officials.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Face coverings or Masks (if required)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order (No. GA-36) on June 8, 2021 prohibiting governmental entities in Texas — including counties, cities, school districts, public health authorities, or government officials — from requiring or mandating mask wearing. Public schools may continue to follow current mask-wearing guidelines through June 4. After June 4, no student, teacher, parent, or other staff member or visitor can be required to wear a mask while on campus.</i></li><li>If required, students and adults will wear face coverings or masks that completely cover the nose and mouth while inside the school and on the bus, with exceptions only for those</li></ul> |

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|   | <p>students for whom it is not safe to do so due to a physician-verified medical condition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Mask Breaks” will be provided. Schools will develop procedures to address mask breaks throughout the day.</li> <li>Students/staff will be allowed to remove masks while eating, drinking, during PE, or when outside effectively practicing social distancing and any other possible mitigation strategies.</li> </ul>  |
|    | <p><b>Social Distancing (if necessary)</b></p> <p>If necessary, students and adults will maintain social distancing between individuals to reduce the transmission of the virus per the public health guidelines. Students and adults are expected to practice social distancing when entering and exiting the building, in classrooms, and moving throughout the school. New, larger cafeteria tables have been purchased to aid in distancing.</p>  |
|    | <p><b>Frequent Hand Washing or Hand Sanitizing</b></p> <p>Students and adults will engage in frequent hand washing and/or hand-sanitizing upon arrival, before and after meals, after bathroom use, and after coughing or sneezing.</p>   |
|    | <p><b>Cohorting (if necessary)</b></p> <p>Emphasize grouping students by the same class/group of students and teacher (into a cohort) so each team functions independently as much as possible. Consider this methodology by grade levels.</p>  |
|    | <p><b>Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities</b></p> <p>We have purchased additional equipment to assist in the cleaning and disinfecting of facilities. Our custodial staff uses “Q-Rinse” which is a product that kills viruses and is also a sanitizer. They also use an Electro-Static portable sprayer to disinfect large areas and also kill airborne viruses. Classroom teachers use the “Q-Rinse” bacterial killing solutions after each class period to disinfect the students’ desks and other areas of the classroom that have a tendency to be touched (doorknobs, light switches, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased cleaning and sanitization protocols for disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.</li> <li>Ensure that the school air handling systems are configured according to state guidelines.</li> <li>Review of building and classroom spaces such as gymnasiums and auditoriums will occur to maximize social distancing consistent with public health guidelines in place at that time.</li> </ul> |
|  | <p><b>Contact Tracing</b></p> <p>PCISD follows the TEA guidelines for responding to COVID-19 in schools. PCISD contact tracing program is coordinated by the school nurse and the Haskell County Health Department and uses recommendations that are based on guidance from the <a href="#">Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</a>.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Daily Self-Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student wellness checks, including temperature, should be conducted at home on a daily basis before coming to school.</li> <li>Student wellness checks, including temperature, may be conducted at school each morning or as deemed necessary by school personnel.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>Vaccinations</b></p> <p>PCISD will work with the local Health District (CRAHD) and local providers to make staff and community aware of vaccination clinics and information available.</p>  |
| <b>Continuity of Services</b>   |   |
|  | <p><b>Academics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver high quality in-person instruction aligned to priority standards (TEKS)</li> <li>Maintain delivery of on-grade level instruction while remediating skill gaps and differentiate instruction based on student needs</li> <li>Use diagnostic, benchmark, and screening assessments to identify strengths and next steps as well as students in need of intervention and enrichment</li> </ul>  |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review data systematically and adjust instruction as necessary</li> <li>• Support professional learning for educators</li> </ul> <p>We are building our technology infrastructure. We are doing this by providing students (1st grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade) with Chromebooks to be used while at school. Teachers have been afforded the opportunity to use new technology such as touch screen interactive flat panels that have been installed in each classroom, teacher issued Chromebooks, and increased wireless internet access to meet the needs of our students while closing the gap in learning the pandemic has caused. Students have access to our grounds during traditional non-school hours for student wireless usage. We have security cameras on our grounds to monitor the safety and wellbeing of our students.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Social Emotional Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster positive, safe, and supportive learning environment and school-communities</li> <li>• Promote supportive adult-student and student-student relationships and a sense of belonging</li> <li>• Implement PreK-12 research- based social-emotional curricula</li> <li>• Identify strategies to re-engage populations and specific students who may be disengaged</li> <li>• Address staff social, emotional, mental and other health needs, as needed</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>Health and Food Services</b></p> <p>PCISD will provide free breakfast and free lunch to every student enrolled regardless to economic level. Cafeteria tables are cleaned and sanitized before meals are served.</p>   |

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