



Continuity of Services Plan

Safety practices for Clint ISD students, employees and visitors

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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Clint Independents School District is to prepare all students to be successful citizens. The District will work in partnership with the community and the family to create opportunities for the student to maximize personal potential.

- The guidance in this document is authorized by Executive Order GA-38, which has the effect of state law under Section 418.012 of the Texas Government Code. Executive Order GA-38 provides TEA with the legal authority to publish requirements for the operation of public-school systems during the COVID-19 pandemic. This document takes effect immediately, replacing all prior guidance. TEA recommends that public school systems consult with their local public health authorities and local legal counsel before making final decisions regarding the implementation of this guidance. This guidance is subject to change as new information becomes available.
- Please continue to check the Clint ISD website, Facebook, or Twitter for the most recent updates.
- Clint ISD is committed to creating a safe learning environment for students, staff, and visitors. This document includes safety protocols for Clint ISD students, teachers, staff, and visitors who are on-site including school buildings and other facilities.
- If you would like access to this document in an alternative format, e.g. hard copy, please contact our Clint ISD central office at (915) 926-4000.

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Development of Health and Safety Protocols

Requirements and best practices continue to evolve with the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine. Information continues to be released periodically by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC), and the El Paso Department of Public Health, which the district will continue to review and refine internal processes. The District administration will continue to monitor the current situation and create the best plan for our students and employees.

Clint ISD continues to implement effective prevention methods significantly reducing the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families. This guidance document contains information on practices that minimize the likelihood of viral spread. Information and input were gathered from the [TEA](#), the [CDC](#), Texas DSHS, the [El Paso Department of Public Health](#), and Clint ISD staff to create this document.

Feedback, recommendations, and input were gathered from multiple stakeholders:

- El Paso Department of Public Health - Dr. Hector Ocaranza, Epidemiology Department
- Stakeholder Feedback Meeting - Attendees included parents, community members, teachers, campus leaders, district administrators
- Parent Advisory Council
- Student Advisory Council
- Clint ISD Teacher Survey
- Clint ISD COVID Task Force



**The current Health and Safety Protocols are subject to adjustment. If changes are made, the district will inform students, parents, teachers, and staff.*

As suggested by the Texas Education Agency, Clint ISD has outlined practices to address:

- PREVENTION: Practices to Prevent the Virus from Entering the School
- RESPOND: Required practices to respond to a lab-confirmed case in the school
- MITIGATION: Practices to Mitigate the Likelihood of COVID-19 Spread Inside the School

For the safety of all students, staff, and visitors it is imperative that all stakeholders read, understand, and follow the health and safety protocols as they are outlined.

- Employees: Failure to follow the safety protocols will result in disciplinary action.
- Students: Schools will work with students to educate them on the protocols and a behavior contract may be put in place if persistent deviation exists.
- Visitors: Failure to follow the safety protocols will not be tolerated and the visitor may be asked to leave the school or facility.



Symptoms of Illness Guidelines

State rules require schools to exclude individuals with certain illnesses from school/work for certain periods of time. For example, if an individual has a fever of over 100.0 degrees, he or she must stay out of school until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Individuals with fever accompanied by cough and/or sore throat should be evaluated by a healthcare provider for respiratory illness. Individuals with diarrheal illnesses must stay home until they are diarrhea-free without use of diarrhea-suppressing medications for 24 hours.

Students shall be excluded from attendance for having or suspected of having a communicable condition listed in 25 Administrative Code 97.7(a) until the readmission criteria for the condition are met. *25 TAC 97.7(a)*

If an individual becomes ill during the school day and the school nurse determines that the individual should go home, the nurse will contact the parent/guardian for students or Human Resources Department for employees.

COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 Testing will not be provided by the district. Students who are enrolled in Project Vida's School Based Health Clinics can be tested during their appointment for Flu, COVID-19 and Strep throat infections if determined by the provider.

If a student or employee is having COVID-19 like symptoms or have had a close contact with an individual who is COVID-19 positive, they may be tested at city testing sites, doctor's office or home test kits. City testing sites can be found at <https://www.epstrong.org/testing.php>

If a student or employee tests positive for COVID-19, they will need to submit a copy of their test result, a doctor's note or a picture of the home test labeled with the individuals name, date of birth and date of test.

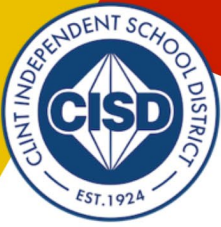
Positive students will need to meet the return to school criteria to return to school.

Positive employees will need to follow up with Human Resources for further guidance and recommendations.

Test Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Individuals

Students

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be excluded from attending school under 25 Tex. Admin. Code § 97.7 and may return when the return to school criteria has been met as per the Department of State Health Services Communicable Disease Chart for Schools.



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Return to School Criteria for COVID-19 Positive Symptomatic Students

1. At least 5 days have passed since symptom onset
2. Fever (100.0°F) free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication
3. Improvement in symptoms

Return to School Criteria for COVID-19 Positive Asymptomatic Students

1. At 5 days have passed since the day they were tested, if they continue to have no symptoms.
2. If the student develops symptoms after testing positive, the 5 days isolation period should start over. Day 0 is the first day of symptoms. Follow Return to School Criteria for COVID-19 Positive Symptomatic Students.

Students must be cleared by the school nurse prior to being allowed entry into the campus to assure the return to school criteria has been met.

Return to participation in [UIL marching band or athletic events](#)

Students may return to UIL events when they have met the return to school criteria.

Employees

Employees must contact Human Resources for further guidance and recommendations.

Remote Conferencing

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During the exclusion period for a communicable disease, students may receive remote conferencing. This option is ONLY for students and must be discussed with the campus administration and nurse for more information and explanation of limitations.

Case Reporting

Test-confirmed COVID-19 Positive Cases

[Texas DSHS](#): Texas Public schools are no longer required to report positive COVID-19 cases on school campuses.

Notifiable Conditions

Several Texas Laws {Health & Safety Code, Chapters 81, 84, and 87} require specific information regarding notifiable conditions to be provided to local and state health departments (CEPDPH & TDSHS). Clint ISD will continue to report student or employees who are suspected of having a notifiable condition as required by law (Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code) to the El Paso Department of Public Health, in accordance with the applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).



Health and Safety Measures

Wellness Practices

Clint ISD will continue to maintain and promote proper hand hygiene and wellness practices throughout the district. Students, staff, and visitors are encouraged to use proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette (cover their cough and sneeze).

Clint ISD custodians will provide a safe environment for students and employees by continuing district sanitization and disinfecting practices of our buildings and classrooms.

PPE:

Clint ISD will no longer provide PPE. Any student or staff member who wants to wear a mask may do so.

Common Areas

- Areas such as teacher's lounge, work rooms, and learning areas will be open at full capacity.
- Cafeterias may be used at normal capacity limits.
- Hallway traffic flow will return to normal. Campuses should ensure an orderly transition period.
- Playgrounds will be open to full capacity for P.E. and recess.
- Routine restroom procedures will resume at full capacity. Restroom disinfection will occur daily.
- Water fountains will be available for student use. Refill stations, where applicable, will be available for students to refill their water bottles.

Volunteers

Volunteers may return to volunteering assignments at Clint ISD campuses. Volunteers must follow district procedures and be cleared by Human Resources prior to volunteering at a campus.

Parents and Visitors

Parents will be allowed to visit schools and must follow district procedures.

Safety Drills

Safety drills will continue to be conducted in accordance with state law.

Transportation

Bus transportation will be provided to and from school based on current eligibility rules. Buses will be used at full capacity. Assigned seating is no longer required. Buses will be thoroughly cleaned daily.

TEA Public Health Guidance August 1, 2022



Public Health Guidance

August 1, 2022

Executive Order GA-38 (GA-38), which has the effect of state law under Section 418.012 of the Texas Government Code, requires Texas public school systems to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic in compliance with the published guidance of the Texas Education Agency (TEA). This document constitutes TEA's guidance under GA-38 and takes effect immediately, replacing all prior guidance.

Public school systems are to operate in compliance with existing state laws and regulations, including all executive orders issued by the governor of Texas in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that are currently in effect.

The following are examples of existing state laws and regulations applicable to the operations of Texas public school systems during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its [local health department](#), in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-38 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As provided in this [Department of State Health Services \(DSHS\) Rule](#), school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who have or are suspected of having COVID-19, and must immediately notify parents if this is determined while on campus. As noted in the rule, exclusion shall continue until the conditions for re-entry are met:
 - For children with symptoms, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free, and other symptoms have improved.
 - Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 5 days after the day they were tested.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met.

TEA recommends that public school systems consult with their local public health authorities and local legal counsel before making final decisions regarding implementation of the state requirements referenced by this guidance.

This guidance is subject to change as new information becomes available.

Department of Public Health: Schools Recommendations Update 7/22/2022



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LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY COVID-19 UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOLS K-12 (ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023) **UPDATED JULY 22, 2022**

Recommendations for area schools K-12 will continue to evolve as we move through the COVID-19 pandemic. These recommendations are based on careful analysis of the most current local data. Its focus is protecting the health and well-being of students, teachers, and school staff in general.

Vaccination:

Vaccination against COVID-19 continues to be strongly recommended for all eligible individuals as the foundation and most effective of all public health preventive measures. All individuals are strongly recommended to be up to date with COVID-19 vaccination. Being up to date at this present time requires the completion of the primary series of vaccines along with all applicable booster doses if eligible.

Isolation and Quarantine:

Prompt identification of COVID-19 cases within schools is vital to prevent school outbreaks and preserve school operations. It is recommended to identify students, teachers and other staff who are symptomatic, to properly separate them from the rest of the class or coworkers and refer them for evaluation.

Schools are required to follow current Isolation protocols which applies to individuals who have symptoms and test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status. They should isolate for a minimum of 5 days and may end isolation if:

- At least 1 day (24 hours) has passed WITHOUT fever and the use of fever-reducing medications; **AND**
- Has shown improvement in symptoms.

Individuals who are sick with COVID-19 and continue to have fever or other symptoms without improvement after 5 days of isolation will need to continue in isolation until they meet the above criteria.

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Individuals who have NO symptoms but test positive for COVID-19 and have not been sick with COVID-19 within the last 90 days, should isolate for a minimum of 5-days from the date of the first positive specimen collected.

Quarantine is still recommended for 5 days for those who are unvaccinated and have not been sick with COVID-19 within the last 90 days; however, schools can keep exposed students within their classrooms if they are not exhibiting any symptoms. A strategy called cohorting is acceptable. It is applicable to congregate settings where immunizations rates are high.

Masking:

The use of a well-fitting mask consistently and correctly is another infection control layer that reduces the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. The use of face masks while indoors is recommended when the community risk level is High for those who want to continue wearing a mask. Anyone who chooses to wear a mask, regardless of current community level, should be supported in their decision.

The use of a well-fitting mask is also strongly recommended for the following 5 days after someone is released from Isolation from the COVID-19 disease.

Distancing:

Social Distancing is another layer within the prevention strategy that has become secondary and very difficult to follow due to inherent constraints of physical spaces within schools. When vaccination rates are high within the community, social distancing becomes less relevant and, in many instances, might not be applicable.

Reporting:

It is required for school districts to report to DPH the number of positive COVID-19 cases and absenteeism on a weekly basis. This will allow DPH to properly assess the COVID-19 situation within schools and to determine proper next steps should an outbreak be identified within a specific school.

Reporting procedures will be explained in detail to designated district nurse points of contact. Any unusual disease pattern or clusters can also be reported to epireporting@elpasotexas.gov.

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Cleaning and Disinfection:

Promote ventilation of classrooms and other indoor school areas. Continue with currently approved district policies and procedures regarding cleaning and disinfecting. Consider enhanced cleaning and disinfection of classrooms if COVID-19 cases have been reported.

Currently it is not recommended to block outdoor play areas or any other area due to a positive COVID-19 individual. Please follow your current policies and procedures regarding cleaning and disinfection.

Testing:

It is imperative that all symptomatic individuals be tested whether at school through a diagnostic testing program, any community testing program, or an FDA-approved at-home test

Schools may continue conducting screening and/or diagnostic testing should districts have available resources for a testing program at school. Testing performed at schools should be reported to DPH weekly to include the amount of testing performed and all positive results.

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Executive Order No. GA-38



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Secretary of State

Mr. Joe A. Esparza
Deputy Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Deputy Secretary Esparza:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-38 relating to the continued response to the COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor
GSD/gsd

Attachment

Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
July 29, 2021

EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 38

Relating to the continued response to the COVID-19 disaster.

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the COVID-19 disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, from March 2020 through May 2021, I issued a series of executive orders aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans, ensuring uniformity throughout Texas, and achieving the least restrictive means of combatting the evolving threat to public health by adjusting social-distancing and other mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS, combining into one executive order the requirements of several existing COVID-19 executive orders will further promote statewide uniformity and certainty; and

WHEREAS, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Texans are strongly encouraged as a matter of personal responsibility to consistently follow good hygiene, social-distancing, and other mitigation practices; and

WHEREAS, receiving a COVID-19 vaccine under an emergency use authorization is always voluntary in Texas and will never be mandated by the government, but it is strongly encouraged for those eligible to receive one; and

WHEREAS, state and local officials should continue to use every reasonable means to make the COVID-19 vaccine available for any eligible person who chooses to receive one; and

WHEREAS, in the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the legislature charged the governor with the responsibility "for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters" under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and expressly granted the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.012, the "governor may issue executive orders ... hav[ing] the force and effect of law;" and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.016(a), the "governor may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business ... if strict compliance with the provisions ... would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster;" and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.018(c), the "governor may control ingress and egress to

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and from a disaster area and the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in the area;" and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.173, the legislature authorized as "an offense," punishable by a fine up to \$1,000, any "Failure to comply with the [state emergency management plan] or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under the plan;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective immediately:

1. To ensure the continued availability of timely information about COVID-19 testing and hospital bed capacity that is crucial to efforts to cope with the COVID-19 disaster, the following requirements apply:
 - a. All hospitals licensed under Chapter 241 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and all Texas state-run hospitals, except for psychiatric hospitals, shall submit to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) daily reports of hospital bed capacity, in the manner prescribed by DSHS. DSHS shall promptly share this information with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
 - b. Every public or private entity that is utilizing an FDA-approved test, including an emergency use authorization test, for human diagnostic purposes of COVID-19, shall submit to DSHS, as well as to the local health department, daily reports of all test results, both positive and negative. DSHS shall promptly share this information with the CDC.
2. To ensure that vaccines continue to be voluntary for all Texans and that Texans' private COVID-19-related health information continues to enjoy protection against compelled disclosure, in addition to new laws enacted by the legislature against so-called "vaccine passports," the following requirements apply:
 - a. No governmental entity can compel any individual to receive a COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization. I hereby suspend Section 81.082(f)(1) of the Texas Health and Safety Code to the extent necessary to ensure that no governmental entity can compel any individual to receive a COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization.
 - b. State agencies and political subdivisions shall not adopt or enforce any order, ordinance, policy, regulation, rule, or similar measure that requires an individual to provide, as a condition of receiving any service or entering any place, documentation regarding the individual's vaccination status for any COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization. I hereby suspend Section 81.085(i) of the Texas Health and Safety Code to the extent necessary to enforce this prohibition. This paragraph does not apply to any documentation requirements necessary for the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine.
 - c. Any public or private entity that is receiving or will receive public funds through any means, including grants, contracts, loans, or other disbursements of taxpayer money, shall not require a consumer to provide, as a condition of receiving any service or entering any place, documentation regarding the consumer's vaccination status for any COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization. No consumer may be denied entry to a facility financed

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in whole or in part by public funds for failure to provide documentation regarding the consumer's vaccination status for any COVID-19 vaccine administered under an emergency use authorization.

- d. Nothing in this executive order shall be construed to limit the ability of a nursing home, state supported living center, assisted living facility, or long-term care facility to require documentation of a resident's vaccination status for any COVID-19 vaccine.
 - e. This paragraph number 2 shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster. I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions in response to the COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with this executive order.
3. To ensure the ability of Texans to preserve livelihoods while protecting lives, the following requirements apply:
- a. There are no COVID-19-related operating limits for any business or other establishment.
 - b. In areas where the COVID-19 transmission rate is high, individuals are encouraged to follow the safe practices they have already mastered, such as wearing face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household, but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering.
 - c. In providing or obtaining services, every person (including individuals, businesses, and other legal entities) is strongly encouraged to use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) health recommendations, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus.
 - d. Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities should follow guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) regarding visitations, and should follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible.
 - e. Public schools may operate as provided by, and under the minimum standard health protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency. Private schools and institutions of higher education are encouraged to establish similar standards.
 - f. County and municipal jails should follow guidance from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards regarding visitations.
 - g. As stated above, business activities and legal proceedings are free to proceed without COVID-19-related limitations imposed by local governmental entities or officials. This paragraph number 3 supersedes any conflicting local order in response to the COVID-19 disaster, and all relevant laws are suspended to the extent necessary to preclude any such inconsistent local orders. Pursuant to the legislature's command in Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code and the State's emergency management plan, the imposition of any conflicting or inconsistent limitation by a local governmental entity or official constitutes a "failure to comply with" this executive order that is subject to a fine up to \$1,000.

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4. To further ensure that no governmental entity can mandate masks, the following requirements shall continue to apply:

- a. No governmental entity, including a county, city, school district, and public health authority, and no governmental official may require any person to wear a face covering or to mandate that another person wear a face covering; provided, however, that:
 - i. state supported living centers, government-owned hospitals, and government-operated hospitals may continue to use appropriate policies regarding the wearing of face coverings; and
 - ii. the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and any county and municipal jails acting consistent with guidance by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards may continue to use appropriate policies regarding the wearing of face coverings.
- b. This paragraph number 4 shall supersede any face-covering requirement imposed by any local governmental entity or official, except as explicitly provided in subparagraph number 4.a. To the extent necessary to ensure that local governmental entities or officials do not impose any such face-covering requirements, I hereby suspend the following:
 - i. Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code;
 - ii. Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
 - iii. Chapters 121, 122, and 341 of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
 - iv. Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code; and
 - v. Any other statute invoked by any local governmental entity or official in support of a face-covering requirement.

Pursuant to the legislature's command in Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code and the State's emergency management plan, the imposition of any such face-covering requirement by a local governmental entity or official constitutes a "failure to comply with" this executive order that is subject to a fine up to \$1,000.

- c. Even though face coverings cannot be mandated by any governmental entity, that does not prevent individuals from wearing one if they choose.

5. To further ensure uniformity statewide:

- a. This executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts services allowed by this executive order or allows gatherings restricted by this executive order. Pursuant to Section 418.016(a) of the Texas Government Code, I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions in response to the

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COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.

- b. Confinement in jail is not an available penalty for violating this executive order. To the extent any order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster would allow confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating a COVID-19-related order, that order allowing confinement in jail is superseded, and I hereby suspend all relevant laws to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not confine people in jail for violating any executive order or local order issued in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

This executive order supersedes all pre-existing COVID-19-related executive orders and rescinds them in their entirety, except that it does not supersede or rescind Executive Orders GA-13 or GA-37. This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor. This executive order may also be amended by proclamation of the governor.



Given under my hand this the 29th
day of July, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe A. Esparza".

JOE A. ESPARZA
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COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols Revisions

Date	Revisions Made
9/28/2023	<p>Update: Daily Self-Screening and Close Contacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 4 • Changed to: Symptoms of Illness Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State rules require schools to exclude individuals with certain illnesses from school/work for certain periods of time. For example, if an individual has a fever of over 100.0 degrees, he or she must stay out of school until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Individuals with fever accompanied by cough and/or sore throat should be evaluated by a healthcare provider for respiratory illness. Individuals with diarrheal illnesses must stay home until they are diarrhea-free without use of diarrhea-suppressing medications for 24 hours. • Students shall be excluded from attendance for having or suspected of having a communicable condition listed in 25 Administrative Code 97.7(a) until the readmission criteria for the condition are met. 25 TAC 97.7(a) • If an individual becomes ill during the school day and the school nurse determines that the individual should go home, the nurse will contact the parent/guardian for students or Human Resources Department for employees. <p>Update: COVID-19 Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 4 • Added: COVID-19 Testing will not be provided by the district. Students who are enrolled in <u>Project Vida's School Based Health Clinics</u> can be tested during their appointment for Flu, COVID-19 and Strep throat infections if determined by the provider. • Positive students will need to meet the return to school criteria to return to school. • Positive employees will need to follow up with Human Resources for further guidance and recommendations. <p>Update: Test Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 4-5 • Added: Employees must contact Human Resources for further guidance and recommendations. <p>Update: Case Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 5 • Changed to: Texas DSHS: Texas Public schools are no longer required to report positive COVID-19 cases on school campuses. • Added: Notifiable Conditions: Several Texas Laws {Health & Safety Code, Chapters 81, 84, and 87} require specific information regarding notifiable conditions to be provided to local and state health departments (CEPDPH & TDSHS). Clint ISD will continue to report student or employees who are suspected of having a notifiable condition as required by law (Chapter 97, Title 25, Texas Administrative Code) to the El Paso Department of Public Health, in accordance with the applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality

	<p>requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).</p> <p>Section Removed: Symptomatic Individuals</p> <p>Update: Healthy and Safety Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 6 • Changed to: • Wellness Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clint ISD will continue to maintain and promote proper hand hygiene and wellness practices throughout the district. Students, staff, and visitors are encouraged to use proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette (cover their cough and sneeze). ○ Clint ISD custodians will provide a safe environment for students and employees by continuing district sanitization and disinfecting practices of our buildings and classrooms. • PPE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clint ISD will no longer provide PPE. Any student or staff member who wants to wear a mask may do so. • Common Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Areas such as teacher's lounge, work rooms, and learning areas will be open at full capacity. ○ Cafeterias may be used at normal capacity limits. ○ Hallway traffic flow will return to normal. Campuses should ensure an orderly transition period. ○ Playgrounds will be open to full capacity for P.E. and recess. ○ Routine restroom procedures will resume at full capacity. Restroom disinfection will occur daily. ○ Water fountains will be available for student use. Refill stations, where applicable, will be available for students to refill their water bottles. • Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteers may return to volunteering assignments at Clint ISD campuses. Volunteers must follow district procedures and be cleared by Human Resources prior to volunteering at a campus. • Parents and Visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parents will be allowed to visit schools and must follow district procedures. • Safety Drills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safety drills will continue to be conducted in accordance with state law. • Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bus transportation will be provided to and from school based on current eligibility rules. Buses will be used at full capacity. Assigned seating is no longer required. Buses will be thoroughly cleaned daily. <p>Section Removed: Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures</p>
8/5/2022	<p>Update: Daily Self-Screening and Close Contacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 4

	<p>Close Contact with Positive COVID-19 individuals</p> <p>It is highly encouraged that students and employees that are not fully vaccinated, who have been in close contact (been within 6 feet for more than a cumulative amount of 15 minutes within 24 hours) with a COVID-19 positive individual at home take precautions until day 10 and that they wear a well-fitting mask for 10 full days any time around others.</p> <p>If symptoms develop, isolate immediately and it is recommended to get tested for COVID-19. Students and employees may return when the return to school/work criteria has been met.</p> <p>Update: At-Home Close Contacts and On-Campus Close Contacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed in accordance to TEA Public Health Guidance 8/1/2022 <p>Update: COVID-19 Positive Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 7 • Return to participation in <u>UIL marching band or athletic events</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students may return to UIL events when they have met the return to school criteria. <p>Update: Case Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 7 • Updated in accordance to TEA Public Health Guidance 8/1/2022
7/15/2022	<p>Update: PCR Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 5 <p>COVID-19 PCR testing will no longer be offered through Clint ISD.</p> <p>If a student or employee is having COVID-19 like symptoms or have had a close contact with an individual who is COVID-19 positive, they may be tested at city testing sites, doctor's office or home test kits. City testing sites can be found at https://www.epstrong.org/testing.php</p> <p>If a student or employee tests positive for COVID-19, they will need to submit a copy of their test result, a doctor's note or a picture of the home test labeled with the individuals name, date of birth and date of test.</p> <p>Positive individuals will need to meet the return to school criteria to return to school or work.</p> <p>Update: At Home Close Contacts Quarantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 9 <p>Quarantine</p> <p>Unvaccinated students and employees who have been in close contact (been within 6 feet for more than a cumulative amount of 15 minutes within</p>

	<p>24 hours) with a COVID-19 positive individual at home will not be allowed to return to school until the completion of the 10-day stay-at-home-period. As, reference, close contact determinations are generally based on <u>guidance outlined by the CDC</u>. If symptoms develop, they will need to be tested for COVID-19.</p> <p>Students and employees who have been in close contact and are not up-to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, will need to quarantine for at least 5 full days and take precautions until day 10. If symptoms develop, they will need to be tested for COVID-19.</p> <p>Who does not need to quarantine</p> <p>Students and employees who have been in close contact and are up-to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, will not need to quarantine but should take precautions until day 10. If symptoms develop, they will need to be tested for COVID-19.</p>
1/13/2022	<p>Update: Isolation Periods for Students and Employees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 6 <p>In response to the CDC updated isolation guidance Clint ISD has updated the required isolation period for COVID-19 positive students and employees.</p> <p>Student isolation period will remain at 10 days following a positive COVID19 test result or onset of symptoms and must meet return to school criteria.</p> <p>Employee isolation period has changed to 5 days following a positive COVID-19 test result or onset of symptoms and must wear a well-fitted face mask for the remaining 5 days post end of isolation. Employees must meet return to work criteria.</p> <p>Update: PCR Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 5 <p>Testing will only be offered to symptomatic Clint ISD student and employees at this time. Only those who are referred by the campus nurse or the supervisor of employees who are not campus-based will be tested. Testing will be by referral and appointment only. Walk-ins will not be accepted.</p>
12/14/2021	<p>Update: PCR Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 5 • PCR Testing Procedures <p>Testing will only be offered to symptomatic and identified on-campus close contact Clint ISD student and employees at this time. Only those who are referred by the campus nurse or the supervisor of employees who are not campus-based will be tested. Testing will be by referral and appointment only. Walk-ins will not be accepted.</p>

11/9/2021	Update: <u>Face Coverings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clint ISD Board of Trustees rescinded the mask mandate for the district.
8/26/2021	Update: <u>Face Coverings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face Covering Resolution: Clint ISD Board of Trustees adopts a resolution to enforce the City of El Paso Public Health Department's local face covering mandates.
08/17/2021	Update: <u>Safety Protocols New Document Format</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document format was updated for the 2021-2022 school year. Page 5 PCR Testing Procedures Testing will only be offered to Symptomatic Clint ISD student and employees at this time. Only those who are referred by the campus nurse or the supervisor of employees who are not campus-based will be tested. Testing will be by referral and appointment only. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Page 7 Face Masks <u>Per GA-38</u>, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. Clint ISD highly encourages all students, staff and visitors to continue wearing masks help slow the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses.
8/4/2021	Update: <u>Quick Look of Diagnosis and Close Contact Response Protocol</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 7 Symptomatic Chart: Options to return to School/Work: Option 3: Stay home for 24-48 hr may return if no fever w/o medication, <u>and</u> improvement in symptoms. If symptoms persist >48 hours, symptoms worsen or additional symptoms develop, will need a doctor's note or negative COVID-19 PCR test. <i>Student Option Only</i> Page 10 Individuals who are identified as high-risk and low-risk contacts will be notified and given exposure guidance.
06/22/2021	Update: <u>Updates for the Return to In-Person Continuity of Services Plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 1 Texas State Legislative update and the proposed HB 1468 regarding remote/virtual learning for the 2021-2022 school year did not pass; therefore, for the upcoming school year, all public school districts in Texas will be expected to conduct in person instruction. Update: <u>Quarantine Guidelines</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 20

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who have been in <u>close contact</u> with someone who has COVID-19—excluding people who have had COVID-19 within the past 3 months or <u>who are fully vaccinated</u>. • Homeroom teachers will review all their student Skyward entries at the beginning of the day. <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 22 • COVID-19 vaccine accessibility and eligibility. <p>Temperature Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 26 • Temperature checks updates
3/31/2021	<p>Update: Quick Look of Diagnosis and Close Contact Response Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 11 • Updated to include Close Contact quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated, fully vaccinated, and previously COVID19 positive individuals. <p>Update: Clint ISD's Effort to Limit Close Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 17 and throughout • The district will have protocols in place for 3 to 6-feet of physical distancing to be in place throughout the day, maintaining as close to 6-feet physical distancing whenever possible. <p>Update: Restrooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 36 • Update to restroom chart: Make sure the area is not soiled, If the area requires cleaning, notify a custodian. Restrooms will be regularly cleaned and disinfected; and cleaned when soiled. <p>New: Playgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 45 • Campuses may allow students to use playground and playground equipment during recess and lunch breaks only. Playground areas should remain unavailable at all other times. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students may remain in the playground and use playground equipment for a period not to exceed 15 minutes. ○ Students will be required to perform hand hygiene prior to and following the use of the playground and playground equipment. ○ Students must wear a face mask while in the playground area. ○ Supervision is required by a district employee to assure safety measures are being followed. ○ Playground areas' maximum capacity should allow for students to remain 3 to 6 feet apart, which may require schools to implement a rotation schedule for classrooms. ○ Routine cleaning and disinfecting of highly touched non-porous surfaces must be implemented by the campus.

2/22/2021	<p>New: Quarantine Recommendations for FULLY vaccinated persons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 12 • Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are NOT required to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) ○ Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series. ○ Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure. <p>New: Added Probable re-infection & Possible Re-infection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 12 • Patients are considered for reinfection of COVID-19, if they meet the following criteria: • Probable Re-Infection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have two RT-PCR positive test for SARS-CoV-2 infection ≥ 90 days between tests and have evidence of negative RT-PCR tests for SARS-CoV-2 between infections. ○ Both infections the patient was symptomatic • Possible Re-infection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have two RT-PCR positive test for SARS-CoV-2 infection ≥ 90 days between tests and NO evidence of negative RT-PCR tests for SARS-CoV-2 between infections. ○ Have two positive tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection with a combination of molecular (RT-PCR) and antigen test and both infections patient is symptomatic.
01/20/2021	<p>Update: Change to Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines for Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pages 11 & 17-19 • Clint ISD will follow the Department of Public Health guidance related to isolation and quarantine timelines, which was altered and released on January 18, 2021. • Quarantine can end AFTER Day 10 of initial exposure without testing only if criteria are met (no symptoms and symptom monitoring continues for 14 days). • Individuals who previously have been infected with COVID-19 within the last 90 days are not required to quarantine and should monitor for symptoms after high-risk exposure.

12/11/2020	<p>Update: Staff Options After Experiencing COVID-19 Related Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 11 • If an employee is experiencing symptoms, they are required to schedule a COVID-19 PCR test or visit their doctor. • If an employee's COVID-19 test is negative, a doctor's note is required after three sick days are entered in the system (Policy DEC). <p>New: Appendix F - COVID-19 PCR Testing For Symptomatic Employees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 66-67 • Detailed Information on the COVID-19 PCR Testing Option for Symptomatic Individuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After notifying their supervisor, the employee will schedule a PCR Test by calling: (915) 926-4068 ○ The PCR test involves a swab being inserted less than one inch into the nostril. ○ Lab test results will be available within 24 to 48 hours.
11/20/2020	<p>New: PREVENTION - COVID-19 Rapid Testing as a Screening Tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 5-6 • New information added on the district's current rapid testing process for students and campus staff. <p>Update: Lunch Procedures for Elementary Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 49 • Elementary schools may choose to serve lunch within the cafeteria with students socially distanced and monitored by a staff member.
10/27/2020	<p>Update: Appendix B: Quick Look of Response Protocol for Campus Administrators and Supervisors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 56-57 • Definition of close contact updated - less than 6ft apart for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period.
10/17/2020	<p>New: Staff Process Map for Screening and Symptom Check</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 13 • https://youtu.be/-2CQEdhJZsM

10/12/2020	Update: Quick Look of Diagnosis and Close Contact Response Protocol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 9 • Confirmed Diagnosis box (blue section) was edited to remove “or member of their household” reference. • If a student or employee lives with someone who has a confirmed diagnosis, they are to follow the Close Contact (orange section) protocol.
10/08/2020	City of El Paso Department of Public Health: Guidance School Closure for In-Person Instruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 15 • New guidance that includes information for possible school closures. Clint ISD will work in conjunction with the Department of Public Health to determine any school closures that may occur.
10/07/2020	Update: Removal of October 12, 2020 start date for I-LEARN@School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 1 & 3 • The start of I-LEARN@School will be delayed and contingent on current COVID-19 data, recommendations from the Department of Public Health, and approval from the Texas Education Agency. • Check the Clint ISD website and social media pages for the most up-to-date information.
10/06/2020	New: Campus Plans Will Be Available on the District/Campus Website by October 7th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 1 • Campus specific protocols for parents will be available on the district/campus website.
10/06/2020	New: Self-Screening Process for Parents through Skyward Family Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 12 & 19 • Parents will complete the screening process for their children who are reporting to school. • Information will be entered into Skyward each morning before students report to school.

10/06/2020	Updated: Self-Screening Process for Staff Now through Skyward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 18 • Staff will now complete the self-screening process through Skyward, not Google Forms. • Staff members who are unable to access the Skyward app or website may use a printed screening form provided by their supervisor.
10/06/2020	New: Screening Process of Clint ISD Personnel when Arriving to Another District Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 22 • Clint ISD personnel who complete the self-screening process at home do not need to complete an additional campus screening form when entering a district facility. Clint ISD staff are required to complete this step before arriving at a worksite through Skyward. • However, front office staff should take the temperature of all visitors once entering the building.
10/06/2020	Update: Disinfecting Wipes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 33 • Disinfecting wipes have been purchased and distributed to campuses for specific school and classroom settings, such as specialized units and labs. • Campus principals may choose to purchase additional disinfecting wipes, however, the disinfecting solution in spray bottles, gloves, and microfiber cloths that are being provided to teachers meet all CDC recommendations.
10/06/2020	Update: Library Protocols <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 38 • Several updates including that available space will determine the number of students in the library at one time, designation of desk shields for the library or students taking theirs to the space, and the option for librarians to determine specific protocols such as leaving books in a drop-off area for 3-5 days before handling the material.
10/06/2020	New: Pep Rallies, Assemblies, and Other Student Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 41 • Events that include a congregation of multiple individuals, such as pep rallies, assemblies, awards ceremonies, or senior events, are prohibited until further notice.
10/06/2020	New: Emergency for a Student Attending Class Virtually <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 43

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scripted steps for teachers/staff to complete if the student is in an emergency situation.
10/02/2020	<p>Updated: Exposure Guidance from the Department of Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 14 • New chart describing high and low risk.