

ASPERMONT ISD



**Return to In-Person Instruction &
Continuity of Services Plan**

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In this plan, you will find the most up to date information at this time for Aspermont ISD. 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. Please visit <https://www.aspermontisd.com/> for any future revisions or updates.

As always, the safety and security of AISD students, families, teachers, and staff is our top priority. We look forward to a successful school year.

Continuity of Services/Instructional Information

● Face-to-Face Instruction and Remote/Virtual Learning –

AISD will no longer offer parents the option for either face-to-face or remote/virtual learning. All students will be required to attend school Face-to-Face and attend school according to compulsory attendance laws. All COVID protocol will still be followed if a student is tested positive or is a close contact to another positive COVID case.

- Face-to-Face Instruction – Students attend school daily and follow safety, sanitation, and social distancing expectations.
- Additional Staff added in the 2022-2023 school year to allow for a reduced student to staff ratio and more one on one instructional time for students.
- Remote/Virtual Learning (only will be used if designated by school administration) – Students participate in classroom instruction via remote/virtual learning and are expected to complete and submit assignments as communicated by the remote/virtual learning teacher(s).

● Daily attendance

District funding and resources are linked to attendance. Attendance will be taken each day to ensure that students are actively engaged. In addition, per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade.

● Transportation and Arrival/Departure Procedures

- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19

symptoms each day **prior** to sending their student to board the bus or drop off in the morning.

- A student should not board the bus or attend school if they have a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit and guidelines must be followed before he/she is allowed to return to school.
- Buses will be thoroughly cleaned after each bus trip, focusing on the high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles.

- **Social and Mental Health –**

- A guidance counselor is available within the district to provide students with social-emotional and mental health needs.
- AISD partners with Texas Tech CATR and Catholic Charities for any additional services needed.

- **Child Nutrition Meals –**

- AISD will allow parents to utilize the drive through bus parking on the South side of the Elementary building to pick up breakfast or lunches for students home due to COVID.
- Parents will need to call in ahead of time to request trays for students and then park and wait for AISD staff to bring trays to their vehicle.
- Breakfast will be served between 7:15 am - 8:00 am.
- Lunch will be served between 10:50 am - 1:00 pm.

In accordance with TEA's Public Health Planning Guidance

Prevention:

- Teachers and staff must report to the school system if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below. Additionally, they must report to the school system if they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, as defined below, and, if so, must remain off campus until the 5-day incubation period has passed.

- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms, as listed below, or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and instead can opt to receive remote instruction until the below conditions for re-entry are met.

Response:

Practices to respond to individuals confirmed or suspected with COVID-19-----

- Any individuals who themselves either:
 - are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or
 - experience the symptoms of COVID-19, see below, must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the individual meets the three-step set of criteria for re-entry:
 - (i) At least 5 days since symptoms first appeared AND
 - (ii) 24 hours with no fever without fever reducing medication AND
 - (iii) Other symptoms of COVID-19 improve

In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

Mitigation Strategies

- Provide each classroom with hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
- Hand sanitizing stations located at every entrance, hallway locations, cafeteria, fieldhouse and gymnasium
- All employees will be trained to specifically follow health safety protocols
- No-touch thermometers are available in each office
- Modify daily cleaning schedules to ensure each space is sanitized and disinfected multiple times a day; and deep cleaning of campuses once a week.
- Work areas will be sanitized after each class. Students will be taught and encouraged to clean their own work areas, as feasible, custodians will clean workstations on a scheduled basis.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own refillable water bottles.
- As of June 5, 2021, since Governor Greg Abbott’s Executive Order No. GA-36 relating to the prohibition of governmental entities and officials from mandatory face covering or restricting activities in response to the COVID-19 disaster, no one is required to wear a mask (masks are optional).
- Athletics and extracurricular activities will be conducted in alignment with UIL guidelines.

Campus Re-entry Criteria

In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:

- at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
- the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g cough, shortness of breath).

Notice:

AISD's Communication Plan for Parents and the Public

- Aspermont ISD's website <https://www.aspermontisd.com/>
- Aspermont ISD's Facebook page
- Community Notification Program

Contacts for concerns or questions: (940) 215-5001

- AISD Superintendent Zach Morris
- Aspermont Elementary Principal Trent Van Meter
- Aspermont Secondary Principal Tiffany Potts

* Aspermont ISD's Reopening Task Force, staff, and community members will be continuously reviewing this document and other possible structures for students safely returning to in-person instruction and the continuity of services no less frequently than every six months.

Definition of COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following question: Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or measured temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees F
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion

- Runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea and vomiting

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