# Roscoe Collegiate Independent School District 2021-2022 Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

In compliance with the Interim Final Requirements, RCISD received input from all groups listed in the IFR as represented within the school district's boundaries including school board members, teachers, principals, staff and administrators, parents and students, school board members, and individuals representing underserved students such as special education and English language learning students. This input was received via site-based meetings, surveys, and a public meeting during the month June. Several adjustments were made to the plan based on stakeholder input, including the decision to add air purifiers and water bottle filling stations to the school infrastructure.

Roscoe Collegiate ISD is committed to the health and safety of every student and staff member as well as our community. We will monitor the guidance and best practices of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), Nolan County Health Department, Texas Education Agency (TEA), and local governance. This plan has been prepared based on TEA guidance. This document will be updated as government mandates change.

As we designed this plan in consultation with stakeholders, after soliciting public comment via community group meetings, we worked hard to protect the health of all students and staff while creating an instructional experience that fits Roscoe Collegiate ISD. Stakeholders included students, families, school and district administration, trustees, teachers, staff, and other school leaders. These guidelines may change significantly before the school year starts on Monday, August 9, 2021.

Due to the lack of funding, Roscoe Collegiate ISD will not be offering Remote Instruction; all students will attend school face to face. If a student has been exposed to COVID, they will be allowed extra time to complete assignments. Teachers will provide tutoring services as well.

## **General Health and Safety Protocols**

- Campus staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Disinfectants will be used for deep cleaning campuses. The district will store these products safely and ensure that harmful cleaning products are not used near children.
- Students, teachers, staff, and essential campus visitors/volunteers will be encouraged to sanitize and wash hands frequently.
- Tissues will be provided in classrooms to encourage students and staff to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, to cover with their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.

#### **School Health Procedures**

- Campus staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Minor health needs may be handled in the nurse's office area. Students experiencing symptoms will be isolated in the nurse's office.

- In the event that a student is isolated in the nurse's office for experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, minor health needs will be moved to the campus office.
- School facilities will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

# Health Self-Screening for Staff, Students, and Visitors

- Students, staff and visitors are encouraged to take their own temperatures daily before arriving at school. Anyone with a fever of 100 or higher should not come to school or a RCISD facility.
- Students, staff and visitors are required to self-screen before coming to school by asking the following questions: Have you recently experienced any of the following in a way that is not normal for you?
  - o Cough
  - o Difficulty breathing
  - Shortness of breath
  - Headache
  - o Chills
  - Sore throat
  - Shaking or exaggerated shivering
  - o Significant muscle pain or ache
  - o Diarrhea
  - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
  - o Loss of taste or smell
- Students and staff may be subject to temperature checks for verification, especially if they are feeling ill or suspected of having a fever during the school day.
- Campuses will have access to a touch-free forehead thermometer to check/verify temperatures and will immediately send anyone to the office with a temperature of 100 or higher for temperature verification and symptom check.

## Protocols for individuals confirmed/exposed COVID-19

If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the district must notify the 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). In the case of an individual who is diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school after being fever-free for 72 hours or per health department guidelines.

#### **Attendance and Enrollment**

- Per Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.092, students must attend 90 percent of a course in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in effect during the 2021-2022 school year.
- When available, RCISD will provide parents notice of their public education enrollment and attendance rights and responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic using a document published by TEA.

## **Large-Group Gatherings & Special Events**

• To begin the fall semester, RCISD will be open to all events, while closely monitoring TEA and local guidelines.

## **Students' Academic Need:**

 Roscoe Collegiate ISD will address learning loss through adding additional paraprofessionals to provide help to the classroom teachers as well as additional staff for intervention.

# **Student's Social-Emotional Support/Mental Wellness**

- Students in need of social-emotional support will be provided tiered interventions which could involve referral for additional school-based services or referral for outside mental health support.
- Social-emotional learning curriculum will be purchased and used by the counseling staff for all RCISD students.
- Resources will be provided upon request.
- Provide a fun activity every six weeks.

## Staff's Social-Emotional Support/Mental Wellness

- Offer morale boosting activities such as a special treat (Sonic drink, etc.)
- Off-campus activities (Rangers game, etc.)
- Motivational speaker and giveaways at the district convocation day
- One day a week wear jeans and your favorite, collared college shirt
- Friday school spirit day wear jeans and your favorite Plowboy shirt
- Teacher appreciation luncheons

## Communication

- Roscoe Collegiate ISD will continue to inform key stakeholders regularly while offering opportunities for feedback via board meetings to help shape the RCISD 2021 Fall Plan.
- The district and campuses will communicate official RCISD news using the district's website, notification app, and the school Facebook pages.

#### <u>Water</u>

- Students may continue to bring water bottles from home. Students will not be able to share water bottles and are encouraged to put their name on their water bottle.
- Students may fill their water bottles at school but will be discouraged from drinking directly from the water fountains.

#### **Cafeteria**

- Roscoe Collegiate ISD plans to utilize the school cafeteria and return to normal capacity unless an outbreak determines otherwise.
- Seats, tables, door handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected regularly.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available in the cafeteria.

#### Classroom

- Teachers will monitor students throughout the day and refer them to the school office if symptoms are present. Each classroom will have the following:
  - Hand sanitizer stations
  - o Disinfectant in a spray bottle with cleaning cloths provided for employees.
- Teachers will:
  - o Encourage hand hygiene upon entering the classroom and after group activities.
  - Establish student responsibilities to clean personal areas and materials/supplies with hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and other self-cleaning products.
  - o Limit the use of shared supplies when possible.

## Visitors, Parent Meetings, etc.

- All visitors are welcome to RCISD. Please self-screen before coming to our facility or any school event.
- Classrooms and cafeteria will be open for visitation, but this will be monitored depending on the status of infections in Nolan County, Roscoe, and RCISD.

## **Extracurricular/Athletics**

• Extracurricular participation in certain activities will follow local and TEA/UIL guidelines.

# **Ongoing Review & Publication of Plan**

The plan was drafted on June 21, 2021 and posted to the LEA website at: <a href="https://www.roscoe.esc14.net/page/EESER">https://www.roscoe.esc14.net/page/EESER</a>. Every six months, Roscoe Collegiate ISD will review the plan in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC, state and local governments. If revisions are needed to the plan, public input will be solicited, and stakeholders will be meaningfully consulted. The revised version of the plan will then be posted on the website. The chart below provides information on this ongoing process.

Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan Review				
2021-2022	Date of Initial Plan:	Six Month Review Date:		
Year 1	July 19, 2021	January 17, 2022		
		□No revision needed		
		□Revisions were made		
2022-2023	Six Month Review Date:	Six Month Review Date:		
Year 2	July 18, 2022	January 23, 2023		
	□No revision needed	□No revision needed		
	□Revisions were made	□Revisions were made		
2023-2024 (Carryover Year)		End of Grant Period Review Date: September 30, 2023		
		□No revision needed		
		□Revisions were made		
	Last required review is 9/30/2023.			

~Grant ends 9/30/24~	

# **Questions**

Questions regarding this plan may be directed to the campus principals, assistant superintendent, or superintendent.

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