WOOD COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION SSA

Serving Alba-Golden, Hawkins, Mineola, Quitman, and Yantis ISD's



Our Mission Is To Keep Everyone Healthy

Our School Community's Commitment to Student Health

Each morning, parents/guardians will self-screen their student to evaluate whether they have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19. These symptoms include:

Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than 99.0 degrees Fahrenheit
Loss of taste or smell
Cough
Difficulty breathing
Shortness of breath
Headache
Chills
Sore throat
Shaking or exaggerated shivering
Significant muscle pain or ache
Diarrhea
Unexplained eye irritation

Communication between school and home will be critical throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 through a lab confirmed test, please contact the school immediately upon notification of the test result. During the time that you are waiting for test results, a student may attend Virtual School. If a student is quarantined due to a family member in the same household testing positive for COVID-19, please contact the school immediately upon notification.

Any student who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:

- 1.) At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery of fever without the use of any medication.
- 2.) The student has improvement in symptoms related to COVID-19. One key symptom of improvement is in the area of the respiratory system.
- 3.) At least 14 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- ★ If the student has symptoms that could be related to COVID-19 and did not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, it is assumed that the student may have had the virus and may not return to campus until all three criteria above have been met

Students may participate in Virtual School if they are feeling better at any point during this time away from school.

Arrival to School Campuses

Upon arrival to school campuses, processes and procedures will be in place to appropriately screen students when they enter the building. If we can screen carefully upon entering the building or boarding a bus, we can relax some restrictions once inside the classroom setting. The key is to screen extremely well each day and identify those things that we can control.

- 1.) Students at our campus will be encouraged to wear masks upon arrival to school as they begin the screening process. Temperatures will be taken by school staff in the lobby when students arrive. Office staff will record student time in and out. No more than 1 student in the lobby at a time. Student temperatures **99.0 degrees or below** will need to be recorded to go to class. We request that parents wait outside the building and practice social distancing. Feel free to call 903-763-5798 when you arrive and we will bring your student to you or office staff will meet you at the lobby door.
- 2.) As students enter the building they will be given hand sanitizer to clean their hands and then be directed to classrooms for breakfast. All meals will be served in the classrooms.
- 3.) Once students are safely in their classrooms, the mask requirement may be relaxed as social distancing requirements are met.

Bus Transportation

- 1.) Students will be encouraged to wear masks while riding the bus to and from school.
- 2.) Prior to boarding the bus in the morning, students will have their temperature taken by the bus monitor for their particular bus route. A student's temperature 99.0 degrees Fahrenheit or below will need to be recorded to enter the bus.
- 3.) Please do not leave children unattended at the bus stop. They will not be allowed to board a bus if they have a fever detected by our bus monitors.

Transitions Throughout the Building

1.) As students move throughout the building, masks will be encouraged, as we follow Governor Abbott's Executive Order concerning face masks. Transitions throughout the building will be minimal. As areas permit social distancing, face mask requirements may be relaxed

Mid-Day Screening

- 1.) Students will have their temperatures checked mid-morning and in the afternoon.
- 2.) Any student with a temperature above 99.0 degrees will be quarantined in the nurse's clinic until a parent or guardian can pick them up. The student will be allowed to return to school after they are fever free for 48 hours without fever reducing medication and have not shown any other COVID-19 signs or symptoms or knowingly tested positive or been exposed to COVID-19.

Visitors to Campus During the Day

- 1.) Visitors are welcome to our campus by appointment only.
- 2.) All visitors are encouraged to self-screen and will be checked for temperature upon entering the building. All visitors will be required to wear a mask.