

HAMLIN COLLEGIATE ISD RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES (RIPICS) PLAN



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III)

In order to comply with Section 2001 (i) (1) of the America Rescue Act (ARP) and U.S. Department of Education's Interim Final Rule, each school district that receives ARP Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III funds is required to submit a plan that describes how it will safely return to in-person instruction and ensure continuity of services, including school districts that have already returned to in-person instruction. This plan is published on the district's webpage.

In this plan, you will find the most up to date information for Hamlin Collegiate ISD. The details in this document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities, health officials or as conditions change. Please visit www.hamlincollegiate.com/esser for any future revisions or updates.

As always, the safety and security of Hamlin Collegiate ISD students, families, teachers, and staff is our top priority.

The purpose of ARP and ESSER III funds is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of school and address the impacts of COVID-19 on the nation's students by addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. This plan describes how Hamlin Collegiate ISD will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other district staff during and following the return to in-person instruction. Hamlin Collegiate ISD is planning to continue in-person learning for all students beginning on August 11, 2021.

Continuity of Educational Services/Instructional Information

- **Face-to-Face Instruction and Remote/Virtual Learning**

Hamlin Collegiate ISD does not plan to offer parents the option for remote/virtual learning. All students will be required to attend school Face-to-Face and attend school according to compulsory attendance laws.

- **Transportation 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 regularly cleaned, focusing on the high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles.

Health Planning Guidance

Prevention:

- All teachers and staff will conduct a self-screening process for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day. The self-screening should include teachers and staff taking their own temperature. 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. 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.
- 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.

Maintaining Health and Safety:

Hamlin Collegiate ISD has taken and will continue to take actions to ensure the health and safety of students, educators, and other district staff. Hamlin Collegiate ISD will maintain health and safety by the following practices –

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, should stay at home throughout the infection period, and should not return to campus until the individual meets the criteria for re-entry.

Mitigation Practices

- On June 5, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott issued 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. The order prohibits the requirement to wear a mask (masks are optional).
- Hand sanitizing stations located at campus facilities
- All employees will be trained to specifically follow health safety protocols
- Clean and disinfect each building regularly, with special attention to frequently touched surfaces
- Ensure that adequate cleaning supplies are available for staff use
- Pursue efforts to improve indoor air quality
- Low student to staff ratio to help with physical distancing in classrooms as much as

is possible

- Staff will monitor the classrooms, hallways, playground, and cafeteria to promote mitigation protocols.
- Athletics and extracurricular activities will be conducted in alignment with UIL guidelines
- Communicate information regarding availability of vaccinations
- Communicate and coordinate services regarding students with disabilities with respect to health and safety protocols
- Hamlin Collegiate ISD may provide signage and materials that promote healthy hygiene

Addressing Student Academic Needs:

Hamlin Collegiate ISD's system for tracking academic progress to inform instruction and provide regular feedback to students regarding their progress will include the following:

- Formative assessments such as DMAC benchmarks
- Student performance data notebooks
- Diagnostic assessments as appropriate (such as NWEA MAP testing)
- State mandated progress monitoring assessments

Addressing Student and Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs:

Hamlin Collegiate ISD will prioritize the implementation of SEL curriculum and increase the availability of counseling services.

Notice:

HCISD's Communication Plan for Parents and the Public

- HCISD website www.hamlincollegiate.com/esser
- HCISD School Messenger Notification System
- HCISD district and parent Facebook page

For questions or concerns contact, Dr. Randy Burks, Superintendent at 325-576-2722

* Information and feedback for the development of the Hamlin Collegiate ISD RIPICS plan was sought from community members, parents, students and staff through public hearings at HCISD Board meetings, faculty meetings, Campus and District Improvement Committee meetings, service organization presentations with Q & A's, and other avenues. Additionally, HCISD sought input from local health officials, area school district leadership, and Region 14 ESC.

The plan will be reviewed regularly and no less than every 6 months.