

BOOKER ISD Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

(Traducción al español disponible)

The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are continually evolving, and Booker ISD's Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services plans will be revisited every 6 months (more often if necessary) to review and then revise according to the continuing trends of the COVID-19virus, especially in our county and community.

Please know that Booker ISD will follow recommendations for school opening and operation from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as well as state and local health officials. Circumstances related to COVID-19 may change throughout the coming school year, and this document will be updated as conditions change.

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Health and Safety Measures

Infection Control Measures

- **Booker ISD will abide by any Governor Order regarding face coverings**
- Social distancing of 6 feet will be encouraged in hallways and common areas and during arrival and dismissal.
 - It is important to note that under the current TEA guidelines (of offering in-person school every day to every student), that social distancing will not be possible as there is not enough square footage in our classrooms or campuses with most students attending daily.
- Water fountains are available for use.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and entrances
- Staff will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize hands
- Students will have instruction on effective hand-washing. Elementary students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer before eating, following restroom breaks and after recess. All secondary students will be encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer regularly.
- Students, staff, and visitors will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, covered in their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.

Campus Operations

- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and entrances
- Restrooms will continue to be disinfected daily; classrooms will have surfaces disinfected daily
- Classroom doors will be propped open during transitions to reduce high-touch areas
- Schedules and protocols will be developed for the use of common areas (labs, libraries, conference rooms, etc.), including how to sanitize between use. Hand sanitizer will be available in all common areas.
- Procedures and protocols will be put into place to address locker rooms. Protocols will be in place for disinfecting equipment, distancing of students in the dressing rooms when students are changing clothes or showering, etc.

Health Screenings

- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for illness prior to sending them to school each day
- Staff will monitor students during the day and refer them to the office if symptoms are present

Learning Environments

- Desks and tables will be arranged to maximize safety protocols
 - Should conditions change and the superintendent and the board of directors deem it necessary, desks will be moved six feet apart
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects regularly
- Staff will limit the use of shared supplies where possible

Breakfast / Lunch

- Cafeteria staff will follow all health & safety protocols
- Students will be encouraged not to share food or drink
- Where possible, cohorts will be grouped together to eat lunch
- All tables will be sanitized between lunches

Transportation

- Parents will be encouraged to transport their children to school daily as it is the safest means of transportation due to COVID-19
- Face coverings are optional on the bus unless conditions change and the superintendent and the board of directors deem it necessary for masks to be mandated
- All buses will have hand sanitizer dispensers placed in the stairwells for use when loading/unloading
- All buses will be sanitized and wiped down daily

Visitors

- Visitors will be allowed unless the superintendent and the board deem it necessary to cancel all visitors
- Parents will be allowed to eat lunch at the school when prior arrangements are made
- Parents will be encouraged to plan celebrations on Fridays only

Isolation Procedures Related to COVID-19

- If a student or staff member has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the office will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student or staff member needs to be sent home
- Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
 - In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when the following criteria is met
 - at least five days have passed since symptoms first appeared
 - at least 24 hours have passed without fever and without the use of fever reducing medications
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)

Clinic Procedures Related to COVID-19

- Students or staff who present with symptoms will be evaluated and assessed by the office
- If COVID-19 symptoms are present: staff member will be sent home, and student will be isolated from other students and until parent arrives
- Office will provide parent/staff with Return to School Criteria

Definition of COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, individuals will be asked if they have recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 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

Return to School Criteria

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home five days or exhibit no symptoms before returning to school

- In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when the following criteria is met:
 - at least five days have passed since symptoms first appeared
 - at least 24 hours have passed without fever and without the use of fever-reducing medications;
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);

Continuity of Services

Social, Emotional, Mental, and Other Needs

- Counselor
 - BISD – Jana Compean
- Special Education Services
 - Kirksey Elementary
 - Booker JH/HS
- Migrant Services
 - BISD --Carmen Gonzales
- English Learner Services
 - BISD – Susie Wynn
 - Kirksey Elementary – Cristal Ruiz
 - Booker JH/HS – Christina Laurie
- Food Services
 - BISD -- Griselda DeSantiago
 - Kirksey Elementary – Kanda Martinez
 - Booker JH/HS –Carmen Gonzales
 - Health Services
 - BISD – Jenifer Lowery
 - Kirksey Elementary – Kanda Martinez
 - Booker JH/HS – Yulissa Ventura
- Federal Programs
 - BISD – Susie Wynn

Academic Needs

- Grade Levels
 - Kirksey Elementary
 - PK-5
 - Booker JH/HS
 - 6-12
- Instruction
 - In-Person
 - Synchronous Remote
 - Only if the entire school is in quarantine
 - Asynchronous Remote
 - COVID-19
 - Other extended illness

- Tutorials
- Grade Levels
 - Kirksey Elementary
 - PK-5
 - Booker JH/HS
 - 6-12
- Instruction
 - In-Person
 - Synchronous Remote
 - Only if the entire school is in quarantine
 - Asynchronous Remote
 - COVID-19
 - Other extended illness
 - Kirksey Elementary
 - Daily 3:05 to 3:35 p.m.
 - Booker Junior High/High School
 - Daily 12:05 to 12:35 (JH)
 - Daily 12:35 to 1:05 (HS)
- Summer School
 - Kirksey Elementary
 - June 5 to June 30
 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - Focus on Math and Reading
 - Booker JH/HS
 - Grades 5-8
 - June 5 to June 30
 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - Focus on Math and Reading
 - Grades 9-12
 - June 5 to June 30
 - 8:00 to 12:00 p.m.
 - Focus on STAAR EOC Retest Preparation

- Administration Contact
 - Superintendent
 - Gary Mills – 806-658-4501
 - Kirksey Elementary Principal
 - Kelli Cates – 806-658-4559
 - Booker Junior High/High School Principal
 - Susie Wynn -- 806-658-1260