



Miles Independent School District
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Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services (RIPICS) Plan School Year 22-23

Introduction

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act statute requires that LEAs develop and make publicly available their plans for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.

Effective Date of Plan

MISD plan is effective 5/27/21.

Public Comment & Stakeholder Input

This plan was developed in consultation with stakeholders after soliciting public comment via electronic surveys, public board meetings, and Site Base Decision-Making Meetings.

Ongoing Review & Publication of Plan

Miles ISD is committed to the health and safety of every student and staff member as well as our community. Every six months, in collaboration with stakeholders, **MISD will review the plan using the latest guidance** and best practices of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), Runnels County Health Department, Texas Education Agency (TEA), and local governance.

Year 1 – School Year 21-22

Developed: 5/27/21 for implementation 8/5/21

Reviewed: 1/6/22

Year 2 – School Year 22-23

Reviewed: 8/2/22 for implementation 8/17/22

Reviewed: 2/13/23

Year 3 – School Year 23-24

Reviewed: 7/10/23

Review – Last Required review is 9/30/23

The latest copy of this plan is available: (www.milesisd.net).



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General Health & 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 and common areas 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.
- No outside visitors or parents will be allowed to come to school for lunch at least during the fall semester.
- Miles ISD is permitted to prevent any individual who fails the health screening criteria from being admitted to the campus until they meet the CDC-provided criteria for re-entry to the campus.
- HEPA Air Purifiers have been placed in all large room spaces (classrooms and office spaces).

Health Self-Screening for Staff & Students

- Students and staff are required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily before arriving at school. Symptoms are listed below.
- 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 a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing/shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills/shaking/exaggerated shivering
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting



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- Students and staff may be subject to periodic temperature checks for verification, especially if they are feeling ill or suspected of having a fever during the school day.
- Teachers will have access to a touch-free forehead thermometer to check/verify temperatures throughout the day as needed and will immediately send anyone with a **100 or higher** temperature to the school health clinic for temperature verification and symptom check by the school nurse.
- Teachers, staff, and students must report to campus/district administration if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the CDC-provided criteria for re-entry.

School Health Clinic Procedures

- School nurse will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Minor health needs may be handled in the school office area to reserve the health clinic space for students experiencing symptoms or fever.
- Attendance clerks will be trained to communicate the protocol for students/staff who are absent for COVID-19 symptoms.
- School health clinics will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Protocols for Individuals Confirmed, Suspected, or Exposed to COVID-19

Any individual, including teachers, staff, students or other campus visitors/volunteers, who either a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 or b) experience symptoms of COVID-19 (as described in this document) **must** stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to the campus until the school screens the individual to determine if the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met.

Confirmed COVID-19

If an individual who has been in a school is **lab-confirmed to have COVID-19**, the District must notify the Runnels County 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 when screening by a Miles ISD school nurse confirms **all three** of the following CDC-provided criteria are met:

- 1) **at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);**
- 2) **the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and**
- 3) **at least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.**



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Bus Transportation Protocols

- Families are encouraged to drop students off, carpool, or walk with their students to school to reduce possible virus exposure on buses.
- Miles ISD will provide bus transportation at the beginning of the fall semester.
- Bus drivers will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Seats, handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected between morning and afternoon routes.
- When possible, bus windows will be opened to allow outside air to circulate in the bus.

Lunchroom Safety

- Miles ISD plans to utilize the school cafeteria as much as possible for student meals. NOTE: no parents/visitors during lunch, at least for the fall semester.
- Modifications to lunch procedures will be based on what is feasible for each campus and grade. These adjustments will include a combination of staggered schedules, classroom meals, additional lunch periods, rotating groups eating in classrooms and cafeterias, and classes eating together with spacing between groups.
- Cafeteria staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Seats, tables, door handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected regularly.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Masks

- For this document, masks include non-medical grade disposable face masks and cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). Full-face shields may be used in place of a mask to protect eyes, nose, and mouth whenever a mask is not feasible or whenever the education context may benefit from the ability to see an individual's face.
- According to health guidelines released by the Texas Education Agency, masks may not be developmentally appropriate for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students.
- For Pre-K through 12th grade, parents may determine if masks or face coverings are developmentally appropriate. At this time, masks remain an option and are not mandated for students in grades Pre- K through 12th.

Handwashing & Hand Sanitizers

- Students and staff will be trained in proper handwashing protocols to prevent COVID-19 and the spread of germs.



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- Elementary teachers will be encouraged to supervise student handwashing for 20 seconds at least two times each day. In addition, all students will be encouraged to wash hands after using the restroom and before eating.
- Handwashing stations are available in restrooms and some classrooms.

Social Distancing Protocols

- Students and staff will be trained in proper social distancing.

Cleaning & Disinfectant Protocols

- MISD custodial employees have been trained on COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will occur daily in every classroom, commons area, and on high-touch surfaces.
- The state recommends that each school district provide students the opportunity to clean their own spaces before and after they are used in ways that are safe and developmentally appropriate.
- In addition to cleanings throughout each day, restrooms, cafeterias, and computer labs will undergo extensive cleaning after each day's use.

Communication

- The District and campuses will communicate official MISD news using School App, website, and social media accounts.

Instructional Delivery Options

ALL INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE FACE TO FACE