

# **Farmersville ISD**

## **Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service (RIPICS) PLAN**

Farmersville ISD will follow the guidance and direction of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and local health officials for our COVID-19 response. The following plan outlines FISD's prevention, mitigation, and response procedures as required by the U.S. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for receiving and utilizing ESSER III funding. These guidelines are designed to help ensure the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.

The District has garnered feedback on the use of ESSER III funds and/or returning to in-person instruction via a survey provided to all stakeholders, public forums at every school board meeting, and as a posted board agenda item.

### **General Safety Protocols**

- Mask wearing is optional, and students and/or staff are free to wear masks as they so choose.
- Hand sanitizing stations have been placed throughout common areas (i.e. hallways, cafeteria, gyms, libraries, entrances).

### **Sanitization & Cleaning Procedures**

- All classrooms, common areas, and buses will be sanitized routinely.
- Classroom staff and bus drivers will have access to disinfectant to sanitize high-touch surfaces and shared objects frequently.
- Students and staff will be expected to utilize proper hand washing procedures.
- When practical and if equipment allows, the District will improve ventilation in all buildings.

### **Vaccinations**

- The District encourages all eligible students and staff to be vaccinated.
- The District does not offer on-site vaccinations for students, staff, or community members.

### **General Information & Remote Learning**

- The District will continue to provide instructional support and other accommodations for students, including students with disabilities.
- The District will provide continuity of services that meet the academic, social, emotional, mental health, health, food services, and other needs.
- At this time, FISD will not provide remote learning for students confirmed with COVID-19. The District's standard make-up work policy will apply for students who are absent with any illness.

## **Attendance Policy**

For the purposes related to a positive COVID-19 diagnosis or close contact with COVID-19, the District will accept a doctor's note excusing a student absence from school. Additionally, below are the current district policies related to absences and make-up work.

*According to the District Student Handbook:*

- "All absences, excused or unexcused, may be held against a student's attendance requirement. To determine whether there were extenuating circumstances for any absences, the attendance committee will use the following guidelines:
  - If makeup work is completed, absences listed under **Exemptions to Compulsory Attendance** will be considered extenuating circumstances."

*According to District Policy FEA (LEGAL) on Make-up Work:*

- "The student shall be allowed a reasonable time to make up school work missed on the days described above. If the student satisfactorily completes the work, the days of absence shall be counted as days of compulsory attendance."

## **Public Input**

- The District welcomes input on the above outlined plan. Any questions, concerns, comments, or specific information, please contact Micah Taylor at [mtaylor@farmersvilleisd.org](mailto:mtaylor@farmersvilleisd.org).