

# *Breckenridge Independent School District*

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**2021-2022**

**COVID Response Plan**

Effective August 19, 2021

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Texas Education Agency Guidance used to develop this plan can be found here:

[SY 21-22 Public Health Planning Guidance](#)

This guidance document will be shared with all staff, students, families, and community members and posted on the BISD website at [www.breckenridgeisd.org](http://www.breckenridgeisd.org)

BISD will continually update this document [when new guidance is released](#) from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and state and federal health experts regarding on-campus instruction this school year. All of the proposed protocols and procedures are subject to change based on state and county guidance for schools.

BISD will continue to follow any requirements that are issued by our state/federal agencies. At this time, we are planning for a more typical school year compared to what we experienced last year. While there will still be some practices that we will continue in an effort to minimize any health concerns, the 21-22 school year should look much more normal.

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Breckenridge ISD has designated our District Nurse, Tonya McKenzie, as the point of contact for responding to any kind of illness or spread of illnesses. Nurse McKenzie can be reached at (254) 212-4730 ext. 1007 or by email at [tonya.mckenzie@breckenridgeisd.org](mailto:tonya.mckenzie@breckenridgeisd.org)

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**The following protocols will be in place for all Breckenridge ISD facilities. Please note that protocols may change based on CDC/TEA recommendations and COVID-19 rate in Stephens County.**

**THE GOAL OF BRECKENRIDGE ISD IS TO KEEP ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE AND PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN SCHOOL**

- Remote learning, for attendance purposes, will not be offered at this time.
- For employees, remote working or additional COVID-related absences/days are not available at this time.
- Breckenridge ISD will not conduct close contact tracing when a person tests positive for COVID-19.
- Students and staff will not be required to quarantine for exposure as long as they remain asymptomatic.
- Per Governor Abbott's executive order GA-38, masks will not be mandated for students, teachers, parents, visitors, or staff members. However, all persons desiring to wear a mask will be supported.

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- Per [Texas DSHS](#) rule and CDC guidelines, **staff and student with a confirmed case of COVID-19** (confirmed with a PCR test through a medical facility) must be excluded from attendance until readmission criteria has been met. Positive students/staff may return to school when at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms have improved. Asymptomatic individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home for at least 10 days from the test date. Contact campus nurse for further guidance.
- Parents and staff are **required to report confirmed positive cases of COVID-19** to campus/district nurses and their supervisor (if applicable) via phone or email AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THEIR STUDENT OR STAFF HAS TESTED POSITIVE.
- Students and all Breckenridge ISD staff will be advised to wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day, and to practice healthy respiratory hygiene (covering mouth when coughing, sneezing into elbow, etc).
- Students/Parents and staff will be expected to self screen at home prior to returning to school. PLEASE STAY HOME WITH ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19.

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- If a student or staff member displays any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, chest pain, shortness of breath combined with a cough, body aches/chills) or is suspected to have COVID-19, please notify your campus nurse and stay home until symptoms have resolved.
- COVID-19 vaccination will not be required for staff or students. However, if you are interested in receiving the vaccine, please contact the school nurse to discuss how/where to obtain the vaccine. According to CDC guidance, individuals who are vaccinated are not considered close contacts through exposure.

**\* COVID -19 is ever changing, as well as the guidelines to manage it. This plan is subject to change at any time.**

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## [Breckenridge ISD 2021-2022 Calendar](#)

Per Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.092, students **must attend 90% of the days** a course is offered (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade level.

All students will be required to attend school “in-person” to receive credit in accordance with TEC 25.092.

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## **2021-2022 UIL COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines**

This guidance takes effect immediately, replacing all prior guidance. UIL recommends that public school systems consult with their local public health authorities and local legal counsel before making final decisions regarding the implementation of this guidance.

Breckenridge ISD will comply with all UIL Risk Mitigation Guidelines and Requirements which can be found [here](#).



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## **HEALTH AND HYGIENE PRACTICES**

**THE GOAL OF BRECKENRIDGE ISD IS TO KEEP ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE AND PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN SCHOOL**

**All students and staff should perform a “self-check” for symptoms each day before coming to school.**

- Breckenridge ISD will continue to clean and sanitize on a regular basis throughout the school year.
- Increased sanitation will occur when an illness is identified on our campuses.
- Regular handwashing and use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged throughout the school year.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to practice healthy respiratory hygiene (covering mouth when coughing, sneezing into elbow, etc).