

Prairie Valley Independent School District

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Prairie Valley ISD District Reopening- COVID19 Action Plan

With COVID19 safety as our focus, this guidance document is being provided to staff, parents, and families of all Prairie Valley ISD students. This virus can infect people of all ages, and we will do everything feasible to keep our students, our staff, and our community safe. Consistency is the best way to reduce the potential negative impact of infection on our students' educational experience. In order for us to provide a safe and educational environment, all Prairie Valley ISD stakeholders are encouraged to read this document that has been developed based upon guidance from the Center for Disease Control, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Texas Education Agency. The Prairie Valley ISD Reopening Action Plan addresses:

- I. Providing notice to parents and public
- II. Prevention and response strategies and considerations
- III. On Campus Instruction
- IV. COVID19 symptoms and close contact definition
- V. District Contact Information

I. Providing Notice to Parents and Public

- a. The designated communication team regarding all COVID19 related issues will consist of the school superintendent, Mr. Tim West, the school principal, Lisa Sadler and the school nurse, Laurie Ritchie. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct those to our designated team.
- b. All parents and guardians will be provided with a Student Handbook that describes the attendance requirements in order to be granted credit for a given class or grade level. Students must be in attendance over 90% of the school year. This TEA requirement will remain in effect for the 2021-2022 school year.
- c. Prairie Valley parents, students and staff will be notified of any vaccination clinics or offerings within the county via email and will advertise these offerings on our social media platforms.
- d. Prairie Valley ISD will provide notification to all staff and families if a positive case of COVID19 has been confirmed. Notification requirements and HIPPA laws will be followed in this process.

II. Prevention and Response Strategies and Considerations

- a. Self-screening will be expected of all staff and students prior to arriving on campus. This includes recognizing symptoms and taking their own temperature. Symptoms are described in section IV of this document. If symptoms are present, the parent or employee must report this to PVISD administration and must remain off campus until the requirements are met to return.
- b. Quarantine Requirements:
 - i. Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and must be picked up within 30 minutes from the time the campus has contacted the parent/guardian.
 - ii. Areas heavily used by the individual with a lab confirmed case until the non-porous surfaces in those areas will be disinfected.
 - iii. At least 24 hours have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications)
 - iv. The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
- c. Visitors will be screened with questions regarding symptoms and be denied access if any symptoms are reported or witnessed. Only essential visits will be allowed. UIL and school sponsored activities will be considered essential and all government required social distancing measures will be strictly enforced. If activities can be staggered, every effort will be made to decrease crowd sizes. UIL guidelines will be enforced and can change at any given time, just as all governmental requirements.
- d. More frequent cleaning practices will be arranged for surfaces that are touched in common throughout the day. (door handles, tables, desks, shared technology, shared supplies). Cleaning supplies will be stored safely. No harmful cleaning supplies will be used, only school approved cleaning products.
- e. Whenever possible, PVISD will open windows or otherwise work to improve air flow by allowing outside air to circulate in the building.
- f. Mask requirements will reflect the state and county health officials' mandates. You are welcome to wear a face covering at any time, but the mandate will only be in place if the state health officials are requiring them.
- g. Transportation- Students will be required to use hand sanitizer upon boarding the bus. Bus windows will be open, as permitted by weather, to allow outside air to circulate in the bus. The CDC warns us that buses may be the location where COVID19 is mostly spread. Therefore, the CDC suggests that students be seated by family or socially distanced as much as possible on bus routes. Because of these suggestions, Prairie Valley ISD strongly recommends that families to drop off and pick up your child at school or to carpool with close contact families if possible, to reduce possible virus exposure on buses. If this is not possible, please know that if your normal mode of transportation is the bus, it is always available. Buses will be thoroughly cleaned after each trip, focusing on high-touch surfaces such as seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles.
- h. Physical distancing will be enforced as per the American Academy of Pediatrics. Their suggestions include the following.
 - i. Desks will be arranged 3 feet apart when possible. When not possible, stricter guidelines will be in place, such as increased sanitation and limiting close face to face contact.

- ii. Supervised handwashing will be enforced for our youngest of students, with every opportunity to encourage proper techniques to all our students.
 - iii. Students will be expected to move to classrooms with no congregating by lockers and moving in a one-way fashion up and down hallways. Books will be left in classrooms to eliminate the need to go to lockers during passing periods.
 - iv. In person parent or staff meetings will be reduced to only when necessary to reduce adults congregating in close contact. When meetings are necessary and cannot be done via electronic means, everyone must follow mask protocols set forth by the governor's current executive orders and be seated 3 feet apart.
- i. Arrival and Dismissal
 - i. Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:35 a.m. and should be dropped off at the cafeteria entrance on the south side of the building. Student and visitor parking will be in the new parking lot just east of the building across from the main entrance. Faculty will park by the north and south entrances. Parents will not be allowed to walk students into classrooms.
 - ii. Upon arrival via bus or personal transportation, students will move to the cafeteria or to their classrooms if after 7:35 a.m.
 - iii. Classes begin at 7:45 a.m. and dismissal time is 3:40 p.m.
 - iv. Students who will be picked up from campus will meet their rides along the front entrance sidewalk/driveway.

III. On Campus Instruction

Keeping our students and staff safe is our priority. COVID19 is a major disruption, but we will create an environment where students can safely learn on campus by significantly reducing the risk of viral spread. Our collective goal is to safely maximize learning opportunities, and so we will be requiring on campus instruction for all students for 2021-2022.

IV. COVID19 Symptoms and Close Contact Definition

- a. In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID19, consider the following:
 - i. Feeling feverish (100.4° F or higher)
 - ii. Loss of taste or smell
 - iii. Cough
 - iv. Difficulty breathing
 - v. Shortness of breath
 - vi. Headache
 - vii. Chills
 - viii. Sore Throat
 - ix. Shaking or exaggerated shivering
 - x. Significant muscle pain or ache
 - xi. Diarrhea or vomiting
- b. Close contact is defined as being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield; or being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes while not wearing a mask or face shield.)

V. District Contact Information

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*This plan will be revisited every 6 months to ensure adherence to CDC and state health department guidelines. The plan is available in Spanish or other languages needed for this community. The plan will be available in an accessible format for people with disabilities, upon request to Tim West, Superintendent.