

DAVID G. SANCHEZ ELEMENTARY

SAFETY PROTOCOLS



PROVIDE NOTICE

David G. Sanchez Elementary has Developed a Plan for On-Campus Activities and Instruction. The plan is intended to provide a summary of what the campus will implement to mitigate the COVID-19 spread in our schools.

David G. Sanchez Elementary has designated Umberto Flores, principal, as the point of contact for responding to COVID-19 concerns at the campus.

David G. Sanchez Elementary will provide updates with regards to announcements concerning COVID-19 through La Feria ISD District Webpage and La Feria ISD Social Media pages.

PREVENTION

Protocol for Staff Entering School

La Feria I.S.D. will require teachers and staff to be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before coming into campus each day. Additionally, employees will be screened when reporting to work. Employees must enter through one of the campus/departments designated “symptom check” points for daily screenings. Campus principals/departments supervisors will develop a plan for the screening of custodians/child nutrition staff that report to work each day. A daily log of temperatures and symptoms check will be kept for all employees.

If an employee has a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher or other indicators as listed on the questionnaire, they will be sent home immediately and instructed to promptly contact their doctor. LFISD administration will follow up with an employee who is sent home and follow-up of guidelines to return to work.

PREVENTION

Protocol for Students Entering School

All students will be required to self-screen or have their parent/guardian screen them for signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

Student at Home COVID-19 Screening Chart

1. Has my child taken any Fever/Pain reducing medication such as Tylenol (acetaminophen)/Motrin (Ibuprofen) in the past 24 hours?
 - Yes
 - No
 2. Does my child have any of these signs/symptoms? Yes/No
 - Fever of 100.0 F or greater
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 3. Has my child been in close contact, (within 6 feet for 15min while not wearing a mask), to anyone with a lab-confirmed COVID-19 result in the past 14 days?
 - Yes
 - No
 4. Has my child had a positive lab-confirmed COVID-19 result in the past 14 days?
 - Yes
 - No
- ❖ If you have a YES response to any of these questions your child should stay home, and you should contact the School Nurse. Students will not be able to report to school or entry of any district building or facility until cleared by School Nurse.

PREVENTION

Procedures for re-entry to campus.

Conditions for Campus Re-Entry

❖ Any student who themselves either (A.) Has a lab-confirmed COVID-19 result. (B.) Experience symptoms of COVID-19. Must have over the phone screening done by School Nurse to determine if student meets conditions for campus re-entry.

1. In the case of student with lab-confirmed COVID-19 result.

- a. At least 14 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- b. At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery with resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- c. The student has improvement in symptoms
- d. Student must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the student to return to school.

2. In the case of a student who has symptoms of COVID-19 who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, student is assumed to have COVID-19.

- a. At least 14 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- b. At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery with resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- c. The student has improvement in symptoms

3. If the student has symptoms of COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above conditions the student must either

- a. Obtain a medical professional's note clearing the student for return based on an alternate diagnosis or
- b. Receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are lab-negative for COVID-19 at an approved COVID-19 testing location.

❖ COVID-19 testing locations found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.

PREVENTION

For students that are dropped off...

- Staff will meet students in the drop off area which is in front of the cafeteria to monitor social distancing.
- Students will walk to designated areas designed to allow for social distancing.
- Parents of elementary students will be required to assist their child in getting out of vehicles but will not be allowed to escort their child onto campus.
- A staff member will be available at the identified drop-off/pick-up location to verify that the parent has completed the self-check form while the student is in the vehicle.
- Student temperature will be checked prior to exiting the car.

PREVENTION

For students that walk to school,...

- David G. Sanchez Elementary does not allow their students to walk to or from school.

PREVENTION

For students that ride the bus...

- Screenings will be conducted when students are picked up each morning. The questions from CDC on the symptoms will be posted on the bus. Staff will meet students at the bus area to monitor social distancing.
- A guardian must accompany their child to the bus area and remain with them until they are picked up.
- Temperatures will be taken when students enter the bus. If a student has a temperature, he/she will not be allowed to board the bus and attend school in-person.
- Students will use hand sanitizer provided in the bus upon entering and when exiting the bus.
- Students will have designated seats on buses. Seats will be assigned to keep families together and will be assigned to reduce to minimize passing each other when loading and unloading (first off will be last on and will sit at the front/last off, first on).
- Driver/Monitor will dismiss students one at a time, students must remain in their seat until they are called.
- Students will report to designated areas designed to allow for social distancing.

PREVENTION

Protocol for Visitors Entering School

- Excluding parental drop-off and pick-up as discussed above, before visitors are allowed onto campuses, David G. Sanchez Elementary will screen all visitors to determine if the visitors have COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below.
- David G. Sanchez Elementary will restrict visits in schools to only those essential to school operations. When possible, parent contacts will be made via telephone or teleconferencing meetings.
- Visitors to campuses will be limited to emergency situations only. Upon entering, visitors will be required to wear a mask. All visitors will be screened and will remain in lobby area at front of each campus.
- At no time will visitors be permitted to interact with students.
- Visitors will remain in the front waiting area at each campus.
- All parent meetings will be scheduled using zoom or phone calls unless otherwise not avoidable. If a face-to-face meeting is needed, parents will remain in the front office area.
- Observations of classrooms will not be permitted.
- For the 2020-2021 school year, breakfast/lunch will not be allowed to be dropped off for students and no deliveries of any kind will be allowed.

PREVENTION

Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

- David G. Sanchez Elementary will immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- David G. Sanchez Elementary will clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) as soon as is feasible.
- Students who report feeling feverish should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

RESPOND

Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School

1. If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, David G. Sanchez Elementary must notify the Cameron 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).
2. David G. Sanchez Elementary will close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.
3. Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, David G. Sanchez Elementary will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate on any on-campus activities.

MITIGATE

Classroom space in reference to social distancing.

- Student desks/spacing will be 6 feet apart
- Class sizes will be maxed at 22
- Dividers between desks for PK-1
- Each child will have their own supplies and manipulatives will not be shared
- Tables have been removed from classrooms to prevent children in groups

Physical education class will be held outside if weather permits and will practice social distancing during the class. No playground equipment will be used or shared. If inclement weather arises, students will use gym which has already been marked for social distancing. Students will wash hands or use sanitizer after PE classes.

Breakfast and lunch will be bagged meals and will be served in the classrooms. Students will wash or sanitize before and after eating. Utensils will be distributed and will be individually wrapped.



MITIGATE

Water bottles will be allowed. Students may refill their bottles at refill stations while maintaining social distances guidelines. Water stations will be sanitized throughout the day.

At 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 3PM, teachers will be required to open doors to circulate fresh air for 10 minutes.

Any student that feels ill during the day should let their teacher know and they will be sent to the nurse to be assessed and have temperature checked.

Teachers will review hand washing procedures with students and will encourage hand washing throughout the day. Sanitizer stations are located throughout the building and will be encouraged to use.



MITIGATE

All classes Prek-3-4th grade are self-contained. Students will remain in the same classroom during the day.

At this time library will not be used to avoid cross contamination of items.

At the parents request an electronic device will be issued to their child. School supplies and manipulatives will not be shared. Student will be given their own plastic container with lid to keep their supplies.

Common areas will be marked for reminders of social distancing and hand sanitizer stations will be made available throughout the campus.

Music classes will be virtual.



QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? PLEASE CONTACT US

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