

Immanuel Christian School COVID 19 Reintegration Plan 2020-2021

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to bring about many challenges and opportunities to work together as we adapt to the changes in our daily lives. Immanuel Christian School Administration continues to work on creating a holistically safe environment for the children and their families focusing on their spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. As the 2020-2021 School year has commenced, ICS administration has developed the following guidelines and recommendations offered by the Centers for Disease Control, state and local health officials, and outsourcing by looking at recommendations offered by the Texas Education Agency on how to safely integrate children back into school. This document delineates Immanuel Christian School's response plan to COVID-19 and the safety measure that will be put into place.

Principles to Keep in Mind

Many of the students have returned to on-campus learning but there also students still participating in online learning. Like all person to person contact on-campus classes and activities do pose a risk; however, procedures have been put into place to mitigate that risk of infection. COVID-19 is known to spread by respiratory droplets that are released when individuals speak, cough, or sneeze. Additionally, the virus is thought to spread by hands through contaminated surfaces and then touching one's nose, mouth, or eyes. Therefore, personal prevention practices have been established.

- All individuals practice social distancing with the recommended 6 feet distance apart.
- Elementary School children stay in the same classroom and groups will not mix.
- Secondary School children follow a hallway traffic flow process when switching classes.
- Children do not share objects.
- All individuals are required to wear masks with the option of using a face shield for extra protection
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are addressed via educational videos.
- Children who are sick are asked to stay home.
- Environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures have been put into place.
- Questionnaire and Temperature Checks will be administered
- All ICS Staff have their temperature checked daily before entering the building and practice the preventative and mitigating measures listed in this document.

Social Distancing

Student's desks are separated a minimum of six feet apart. When appropriate, students gather outside rather than inside to assist in reducing the spread of the virus.

Hand Hygiene

The following guidelines will be followed:

- Students are asked to wash their hands as they enter the classroom, before and after bathroom use, before and after lunch, before leaving for the day, and if hands become visibly soiled.
- Hand hygiene should be performed for 20 seconds with soap and water.
- ICS will also supply hand sanitizer as a protective method.
- Should a student or staff member cough or sneeze, they should use a tissue or cough or sneeze into the elbow. Used tissues should be thrown away immediately and hands should be washed for 20 seconds with soap and water.

Masks

All students in first grade and above will be asked to wear a mask and an optional face shield, if they wish, for extra protection. Face shields provide additional protection and may be easier for students and staff to wear but do not take the place of a mask, but are an addition to it.

Physical Barriers

Provisions for physical barriers or partition controls will be supplied for teachers accordingly. Physical barriers assist in protecting staff members' faces and mucous membranes from respiratory droplets that may be produced if the student sneezes, coughs, or talks. Parents also have the ability to provide physical barriers for their students if they choose to. Please contact the leader of the COVID-19 response team, Mr. Rubi, for desk dimensions or additional questions.

Taking Temperatures

Students and staff will be required to have a temperature check every morning before entering the building.

Students will be met in the parking lot before exiting their vehicles to have their temperature checked and questions will be asked by designated staff members.

Students meet entry criteria if they answer no to the COVID-19 questionnaire and if their temperature is less than 99.6 degrees. Those who do not meet this criterion will be asked to go home and follow the suspected COVID-19 process.

Questionnaire

Families and children will be asked to report if they have come in close contact with individuals who have a lab confirmed positive COVID-19 test.

Families and children will be asked if they are experiencing COVID-19 signs and symptoms.

1. Are you experiencing any cough or respiratory difficulty?
2. Are you experiencing any flu like symptoms? (ex. Irritated throat, runny nose, fever, coughing sneezing, or loss of taste and smell.)

If “Yes” to either one of these questions, please refer to the suspected COVID-19 process.

Staff members performing questionnaire and temperature checks have completed training on additional questions that will be asked for a positive questionnaire.

Visitors

All visitors must adhere to the above criteria to include the temperature check and questionnaire before entering the school. Visitors will need to request an appointment unless they are to pick up their children due to sickness.

Positive COVID-19 cases and Suspected Cases Process

Staff members and ICS families, parents and/or students, should not be on campus if sick.

If an individual becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case they will notify a school administrator and will not come to school following the 14 day isolation period.

Exposure vs. Contact:

Exposure - a person did not have PPE (Personal Protective Equipment, ex. Masks) and was within 6 feet of the infected.

Contact - a person had on PPE and was within 6 feet of the infected.

If the staff member or student is confirmed, suspected, or exposed to COVID 19 either by a lab-confirmed COVID-19 test or they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they must stay

home throughout the infection period and will not be allowed to return to campus until they meet the below conditions:

If they tested positive for COVID-19 three days (72 hours) must pass since recovery of their symptoms including resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications, symptoms have improved (coughing, shortness of breath), and 14 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. The recommendation is for those individuals who have tested positive to retake a COVID-19 test and present documentation of negative test results before returning to school.

For those who show symptoms but have not sought medical attention they will be assumed as being COVID-19 positive and may not return to campus until they meet the above provisions. Three days (72 hours) must pass since recovery of symptoms including resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications, symptoms have improved (coughing, shortness of breath), and 14 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. The recommendation is for individuals to get COVID-19 tested and provide documentation of a COVID-19 negative test before returning to school.

In the case of an individual who wants to return to school that is displaying signs of COVID-19 and he does not want to comply with the above stay at home period, jjjjjj must bring in a medical professional's note clearing them to return with an alternative diagnosis or receive a negative result for COVID-19 testing. The recommendation is for COVID-19 testing to be performed within 5-7 days of exposure. For testing sites please refer to <http://epstrong.org/testing.php>.

For the staff or student who has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they will be required to stay at home through the 10-day incubation period and will not be allowed on campus. After the incubation period screening will be performed and if experiencing symptoms, they will have to meet the above criteria before returning to campus.

Possible COVID-19 cases on Campus Process

Designated staff members will be equipped with contactless thermometers to perform periodic temperature checks if they suspect a child has become sick.

Any staff or student that reports feeling feverish will be isolated and a designated staff member will come to the individual to perform a temperature check and determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

If the student begins to display symptoms, the staff will separate the child from other children immediately. They will contact the office and a designated staff member will come to the child to perform a temperature check if above 99.5-degree Fahrenheit or symptomatic they will be sent to the first aid office. The student's parents will be contacted requesting for the child to be picked up by a parent or guardian, please follow the visitor process when picking up your child.

Remaining students will be removed from the classroom and the janitorial staff will clean any areas the individual may have encountered. The Administration will be informed, and they will reach out to the families informing them of possible COVID-19 contact or exposure. At this time, the parents will be given the option to keep their children home for the 10-day incubation period. If the children had minimal contact, i.e., they remained 6 feet apart and they had personal protective equipment, they will be allowed to return to school if they are asymptomatic and do not have a fever. If the child who displayed symptoms is diagnosed with a different disease or has two consecutive COVID-19 negative tests within a 24-hour period, the families will be contacted to confirm they can return back to school if they chose to keep their child home and all other parents will also be informed indicating non-exposure.

School Wide Response to Lab Confirmed Cases

If a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified, the school will follow the guidelines below:

- The school will notify the local health department and request additional guidance.
- The school will close off areas heavily used by the individual so that those areas can be disinfected.
- Families will be notified of the incident via the school communication system.
- The school will make online learning provisions for positive COVID-19 cases and individuals that were in close contact with those who have COVID-19 positive cases.
- The school will disinfect the classroom(s) and other areas of the school where the positive COVID-19 case has been.

Those individuals with direct contact or exposure to positive COVID-19 individuals will be allowed to return to school after the 10-day quarantine period. All individuals returning to school after the 10 days will be asked to complete a questionnaire and a temperature check before entering the building.

Please refer to <http://epstrong.org/testing.php> for El Paso COVID-19 testing.

On Campus Testing and Screening

Immanuel is a designated Fast Track COVID-19 Testing Center. Staff members and students may take a fast track test when feeling or showing the following symptoms or believe that they have been in contact with an individual that is COVID-19 positive.

- Fever (above 99.5)
- Loss of Taste or Smell
- Cough
- Difficulty Breathing
- Shortness of breath

- Headache
- Chills
- Sore Throat
- Shaking or Exaggerated Shivering
- Muscle Pain or Ache
- Diarrhea

Testing/Screening is limited to students and faculty/staff on campus. Individuals 18 years or age and older do not need a permission form to test but those under the age of 18 must fill out a designated form for permission. Testing is optional and will not be made mandatory. All tests will be documented. Positive cases will be reported to the local health department.

Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection

A schedule has been developed for cleaning and disinfecting of the school. All frequently touched surfaces will be routinely cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected. Families are asked to provide their children with disinfectant wipes to disinfect commonly used surfaces such as desks and supplies. Additional janitorial staff are available to assist with cleaning. Adjustments to the cleaning and disinfecting process will be made to align with any additional recommendations from the CDC.

Stairwells and Hallways

All hallways and stairwells will be labeled for directional flow. Please be advised that all individuals within the building are to follow hallway flow instructions as posted.

School Drop Off and Pick Up

Students drop off and pick up will be on a staggered schedule. Students will have a designated drop off and pick up location. Students should remain within their vehicles and a designated staff member will approach the vehicle to take the student's temperature and complete a questionnaire with the student. If the initial temperature reading is above 99.5-degrees Fahrenheit, parents will be asked to park in a designated parking spot to have a temperature recheck. If a questionnaire is positive, additional questions will be asked by a designated staff member who will determine if the student is eligible to enter the building.

School Lunches

All students will be scheduled to eat lunch in the cafeteria. Social distancing and physical barriers will be provided. Additional provisions will be made by the lunch staff on cleaning and disinfecting.

Absences

Please report all absences to the school's attendance office. For the purpose of contact tracing, please be specific on why the child will not be attending school and if the student is displaying COVID-19 signs and symptoms.

Resources

Parent and Student instructional videos have been released for guidelines related to on-campus instructions. Videos have been posted on the school's communication sites.

<http://www.cdc.gov>

www.espstrong.org

If you have any questions pertaining to the ICS COVID 19 Reintegration Plan, please contact one of the following Administrative Team Members.

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