



AN EARLY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BROWNSVILLE
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 24, 2021

To: Faculty, Staff, and Parents

RE: Reopening Procedures

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Parents,

Students First

Student academic achievement continues to be our number one priority. As we are in the final three months of this school year, we must maximize instructional time to continue to ensure our students are *College and Career Ready*, regardless of any challenges that we are experiencing.

District Reopening

Reminder on Monday, March 1, 2021, I would like to welcome all employees to return to work at either their office or campus to continue district operations.

Parents will continue to have the option to select face-to-face instruction or distance learning. We are looking forward to opening our doors again for all students who choose in-person instruction.

Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines

The CDC and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) continue to post updates on their websites and this is a source of information that Brownsville ISD is using in consultation with local public health officials. All staff is required to follow the listed guidelines below:

- Face masks are required
- Ensure six feet of social distancing as much as possible
- Handwashing and sanitizing protocols
- Employees are required to check their temperature and answer COVID-19 Questionnaire

Safety Precautions

BISD believes in family first and taking care of our employees. If you are feeling sick, you are advised to stay home. Send an e-mail or call your supervisor to let them know that you have COVID-19 virus like symptoms (fever, cough, and shortness of breath, etc.). You will need to quarantine from others until you no longer have virus like symptoms or cleared by your physician.

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

All campuses and departments are prepared with PPE to ensure everyone's safety in the workplace such as, masks, hand sanitizers, and safety signs. We have taken measures to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

COVID-19 Rapid Testing

COVID-19 Rapid Testing is on-going Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Wellness Center. These services are available to all students and staff and everyone is encouraged to get tested as needed.

COVID-19 Vaccine

All employees are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine. If the vaccine is scheduled during the day, employees will have the flexibility to be released from work for their appointment without a reduction of their work hours.

Transportation Services

Our bus routes will also begin on Monday, March 1, 2021, to pick-up our students and transport them to their designated campuses and drop them off at home after school. The Transportation Department continues to follow the CDC guidelines by disinfecting and sanitizing on a daily basis.

Meal Distribution Services

Our meal program, which includes breakfast, lunch, and supper, will also resume on Monday, March 1, 2021, for students who attend face-to-face instruction. In addition, curbside meals will continue to be provided from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for students who receive distance learning instruction.

Visitors

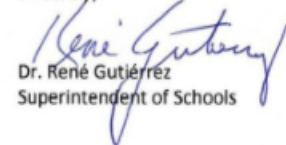
Visitors are required to schedule an appointment to enter campuses and district offices. In addition, everyone is required to follow safety precautions such as, wearing a mask, practice social distancing, and use hand sanitizer.

Summary

If you have any questions or need additional clarification on the Reopening Procedures, contact your immediate supervisor.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these difficult times. Continue to check our district website and social media for any updates.

Sincerely,


Dr. René Gutierrez
Superintendent of Schools

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