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## Northside ISD COVID-19 Public Health Transition Safety Plan 2020-2021

**Please Note: The details in this document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities and/or health officials or as environmental conditions change.**

**Disease Level Indicators: Disease level information is sourced from the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Progress and Warning Indicator Dashboard which is updated regularly on their website. Protective Measures will be re-evaluated on a weekly basis utilizing Bexar County Disease Level Metrics provided by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.**

### **Required Criteria:**

**Percent COVID-19 Positive Lab Tests** - The percentage of lab tests performed in the past week (7 days) that were positive for COVID-19.

**Daily Case Numbers Over a 14 Day Period** - Daily number of cases. For cases where illness onset date is available, the illness onset date is used. For asymptomatic cases or cases with no available onset date, the test collection date is used. A flat or decreasing trend in the average number of new COVID-19 cases for at least 14 days indicates positive movement in disease progression taking into account small increases within the mean absolute deviation band, and comparing it to the Metro Health Event trend data.

### **Supporting Criteria:**

**Disease Doubling Time** - The current number of days it is taking for the number of COVID-19 cases to double. As long as the number is 21 days or higher, we are in the green zone with regard to this indicator. If the doubling time drops to 20 days or lower, a warning is triggered.

**Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) Health System Stress Score** - A composite index score that is a measure of the overall stress on the healthcare system. The score takes into account the availability and usage of personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and staffed beds across relevant hospitals and health systems.

As conditions improve and public health entities declare the COVID 19 pandemic is subsiding, this plan will move from a COVID 19 mitigation focus and returning to general public health prevention strategies.

The following chart provides an overview of the public health metric for the second grading cycle when determining which status level the district would implement to address operational guidelines.

\* In cases of increased disease levels affecting individual campuses, protective measures will be adjusted to meet the specific safety needs of the campus to include considerations of virtual learning options.



### Disease Activity Level Determination Criteria

<b>Level 1 - Minimal</b>	<b>Required Criteria:</b> Percent of COVID-19 tests returning positive is less than 5%.  A flat or decreasing trend exists in COVID-19 cases.  <b>Supporting Criteria:</b> Disease doubling time is 21 days or higher.  STRAC Health System Stress Score is in the Normal range.
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<p><b>Level 2 - Moderate</b></p>	<p><b>At least two of the following criteria must be met:</b></p> <p>Percent of COVID-19 tests returning positive is between 5% - 7.4%.</p> <p>Disease doubling time is 18 - 20 days.</p> <p>STRAC Health System Stress Score is in the low to midpoint of High range.</p> <p>**A 14 day flat or decreasing trend in new COVID-19 cases is required prior to proceeding to the green zone.</p>
<p><b>Level 3 - Substantial</b></p>	<p><b>At least two of the following criteria must be met:</b></p> <p>Percent of COVID-19 tests returning positive is 7.5% - 9.9%.</p> <p>Disease doubling time is 15 - 17 days.</p> <p>STRAC Health System Stress Score is greater than midpoint of High range.</p> <p>**A 14-day flat or decreasing trend in new COVID-19 cases is required prior to proceeding to the yellow zone.</p>
<p><b>Level 4 - Critical</b></p>	<p><b>At least two of the following criteria must be met:</b></p> <p>Percent of COVID-19 tests returning positive is 10% or higher.</p>

	<p>Disease doubling time is 14 days or lower.</p> <p>STRAC Health System Score is in Severe Range.</p> <p>**A 14-day flat or decreasing trend in new COVID-19 cases is required prior to proceeding to the orange zone.</p>
<b>SAMHD Guidance</b>	<a href="#">COVID-19 Progress and Warning Indicator Dashboard</a>

## Public Health Protective Measure Recommendations

Protective Measure	Level 1 - Minimal Disease Level or Under Guidance of Executive Order	Level 2 - Moderate Disease Level or Under Guidance of Executive Order	Level 3- Substantial Disease Level or Under Guidance of Executive Order	Level 4 - Critical Disease Level or Under Guidance of Executive Order
Classroom Student Spacing Requirements	6 ft spacing as much as possible, Based on classroom square footage, minimize close contact among teachers and students. Students face single direction	6 ft spacing required, Based on classroom square footage Students face single direction, minimize close contact among teachers and students.	6 ft spacing, Students face single direction, Maximum of 6 students per classroom	Students in Virtual Learning
Hand Sanitizer availability	Entrances, Common Areas, All	Entrances, Common Areas, All	Entrances, Common Areas, All	

	classrooms	classrooms	classrooms	
Student Mobility within school day	Not Limited, Stagger arrival and/or dismissal times	Elementary Limited with mobility to discovery, Stagger arrival and/or dismissal times	Limited for all levels as much as feasible, Stagger arrival and/or dismissal times	
Discovery Time Elementary Specific	Campuses to follow Fine Arts and Computer Safety Procedure/Stem Lab Safety Procedures	Campuses to follow Fine Arts and Computer Safety Procedure/Stem Lab Safety Procedures	Campuses to follow Fine Arts and Computer Safety Procedure/Stem Lab Safety Procedures	
Temperature Checks	Students Situation Based	Staff Daily, Students Situation Based	Staff Daily, Students Situation Based	
Health Screenings	Students Daily Staff Daily Visitors Daily	Students Daily Staff Daily Visitors Daily	Students Daily Staff Daily Visitors Daily	
Visitors	As Needed for School Business / No Lunch Visitation	Very Limited / No Lunch Visitation	Very Limited / No Lunch Visitation	

<b>Protective Measure</b>	<b>Level 1 - Minimal Disease Level or</b>	<b>Level 2 - Moderate Disease Level or</b>	<b>Level 3- Substantial</b>	<b>Level 4- Critical Disease Level or</b>
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	Under Guidance of Executive Order	Under Guidance of Executive Order	Disease Level or Under Guidance of Executive Order	Under Guidance of Executive Order
Lunch Procedures	Students Rotate Eating in Classroom/Cafeteria every other seat High School May Leave Campus per established guidelines	Students Rotate Eating in Classroom/Cafeteria 6ft spacing single direction as much as possible - High School Remain on Campus	Students Eat in Classroom / High School Remain on Campus	
Bus Procedures	One household per seat, windows open, hand sanitizer upon bus entry, masks required, bus sanitized each route  Strongly encourage Parent Drop Off	One household per seat, windows open, hand sanitizer upon bus entry, masks required, bus sanitized each route  Strongly encourage Parent Drop Off	One household every other seat, windows open, hand sanitizer upon bus entry, masks required, bus sanitized each route  *Strongly encourage Parent Drop Off	
Common Spaces Utilization	Limited Congregation with 6 ft. social distancing, Avoid mixing groups of students in common areas	Very Limited Congregation with 6 ft. social distancing, Avoid mixing of groups on common areas	No Congregation	
Face Covering / Mask Procedure	Staff Required Students Required unless special medical needs exist. Face coverings must completely cover the nose and mouth and may not be made of mesh material or	Staff Required Students Required unless special medical needs exist. Face coverings must completely cover the nose and mouth and may not be made of mesh material or	Staff Required Students Required unless special medical needs exist. Face coverings must completely cover the nose and mouth and may not be made of mesh material or	

	<p>have an exhalation valve. Neck sleeves or Gaiters are for outdoor use only. Face Shields alone do not provide adequate respiratory protection when individuals are in close proximity to others.</p> <p>Fresh mask provided daily as necessary</p>	<p>have an exhalation valve. Neck sleeves or Gaiters are for outdoor use only. Face Shields alone do not provide adequate respiratory protection when individuals are in close proximity to others.</p> <p>Fresh mask provided daily as necessary</p>	<p>have an exhalation valve. Neck sleeves or Gaiters are for outdoor use only. Face Shields alone do not provide adequate respiratory protection when individuals are in close proximity to others.</p> <p>Fresh mask provided daily as necessary</p>	
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<p>Additional PPE Recommendations:</p> <p>Gloves Eye Protection Isolation Gowns - Isolation Room</p>	<p>School nurses and other staff will utilize appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to include masks, gloves, and eye protection, when in close contact with an individual with COVID-19 symptoms and/or at high risk of coming into contact with blood, bodily fluids, secretions, and</p>	<p>School nurses and other staff will utilize appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to include masks, gloves, and eye protection, when in close contact with an individual with COVID-19 symptoms and/or at high risk of coming into contact with blood, bodily fluids, secretions and</p>	<p>School nurses and other staff will utilize appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to include masks, gloves, and eye protection, when in close contact with an individual with COVID-19 symptoms and/ or at high risk of coming into contact with blood, bodily fluids, secretions and</p>	

	excretions, All staff to wear eye protection when working indoors and within 6 ft of students who are unable to wear masks. Face Shields are effective as eye protection.	excretions, All staff to wear eye protection when working indoors and within 6ft of students who are unable to wear masks. Face Shields are effective as eye protection.	excretions, All staff to wear eye protection when working indoors and within 6 ft of students who are unable to wear masks. Face Shields are effective as eye protection.	
Isolation Room Plan	Campus specific plan initiated for suspected cases.	Campus specific plan initiated for suspected cases.	Campus specific plan initiated for suspected cases.	
Classroom Supplies/ Tech Devices	Student Dedicated	Student Dedicated	Student Dedicated	
Athletics- Mask Procedure  * Athletics - Northside/UII Established Strength and Conditioning Guidelines will be followed in all levels.	Staff and Athletes Required  Athletics Risk Mitigation Guidelines will be followed. Masks must be worn indoors, Neck Sleeves and Gaiters are permissible outdoors	Staff and Athletes Required  Athletics Risk Mitigation Guidelines will be followed. Masks must be worn indoors, Neck Sleeves and Gaiters are permissible outdoors	Staff and Athletes Required  Athletics Risk Mitigation Guidelines will be followed. Masks must be worn indoors, Neck Sleeves and Gaiters are permissible outdoors	
Athletics Coach/Student Ratio	Team participation allowed with participants grouped for contact tracing purposes.	Team participation allowed with limited participants grouped for contact tracing purposes.	1 Coach: Maximum pod of 15 athletes outside / 10 athletes inside.  Follow already established Strength and Conditioning Guidelines	Athletes may engage in skill-building drills or conditioning at home, alone or with household members, under Centers for Disease Control &



				Prevention (CDC) guidance for youth sports
Athletics Indoor Capacity	50% - 100% Capacity in gyms and weight rooms.	50% Capacity in gyms and weight rooms.	25% Capacity in gyms and weight rooms.	Other than drive-through events, no school-sponsored events including, but not limited to, fairs, exhibitions, academic and/or athletic competitions should take place in person, on or off campus
Fine Arts	Outdoor and indoor programs should operate at full capacity with social distancing and face covers as required in all green, Level 1, Minimum Disease Level areas.	Outdoor programs should operate at 50% capacity but need to remain in pods. Sufficient spacing and separation from the full ensemble is recommended wherever feasible.  Indoor programs should operate at 50% capacity. Room capacity formula to determine the size of group for spacing and safety. Continue using 1-25 ratio for indoor instruction where feasible.	Master class instruction of small groups, 1-10 students, like instruments, voicings, etc.  Adhere to 25% Capacity	Only individual student skill development to occur in distance learning format; No ensemble rehearsals or performances other than what can be achieved in distance learning format only

School Extracurricular/Clubs	Extracurricular Programs will follow program specific safety procedures developed in accordance with UIL, TEA, and NISD guidelines.	Extracurricular Programs will follow program specific safety procedures developed in accordance with UIL, TEA, and NISD guidelines.	Extracurricular Programs will follow program specific safety procedures developed in accordance with UIL, TEA, and NISD guidelines.	

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Guidance/References:

CDC - Considerations for Schools: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>

CDC - Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School 2020:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/prepare-safe-return.html#prepare>

TEA - Public Health Guidance for School Year 2020-2021:  
<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>

San Antonio Metropolitan Health District Progress and Warning Indicators Dashboard:  
<https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/About-COVID-19/Dashboards-Data/Progress-Warning-Indicators>