

# **Jim Ned CISD**

## **RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES (RIPICS) PLAN**

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### **Introduction**

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act statute requires that LEAs develop and make publicly available their plans for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. A summary of Jim Ned CISD's plan is below.

### **Effective Date of Plan**

This plan is effective as of August 1, 2021.

### **Public Comment & Stakeholder Input**

This plan was developed in consultation with stakeholders after soliciting public comment via surveys, public board meetings, and administrative team consultation.

Input was sought on this plan from all stakeholders including: students, parents (families), school and district administrators, special education administrators, teachers, principals, staff, business members, church officials, and community members. Stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English Language Learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migrant students, and other underserved students were included in the planning. These opportunities for public input included open meetings, parent surveys, student surveys, community surveys, and staff surveys. The district continues to discuss all things COVID in monthly administrative meetings.

### **Ongoing Review & Publication of Plan**

The plan was drafted in July and posted to the Jim Ned CISD website [www.jimned.esc14.net](http://www.jimned.esc14.net). Every six months, the Jim Ned CISD will review the plan in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC, state and local governments. If revisions are needed to the plan, public input will be solicited and stakeholders will be meaningfully consulted. The revised version of the plan will then be posted to the website.

### Important Review Dates:

<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Initial Plan Date: 7-26-2021</b>	<b>Review Date: 1-26-2022</b>
	<b>Reviewed January 21, 2022</b>	
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>6 mo. Review Date: 7-26-2022</b>	<b>End of Grant Review Date: 1-26-2023</b>
	<b>Reviewed July 20, 2022</b>	
<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>Last required review 9-30-2023</b>	<b>Grant ends 9-3-2024</b>

In this plan, you will find the most up to date information at this time for Jim Ned CISD. The details in this document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities and/or healthy officials or as environmental conditions change. Please visit <https://www.jimned.esc14.net/> for any future revisions or updates. As always, the safety and security of Jim Ned CISD students, families, teachers, and staff is our top priority. We cannot wait to see our students and look forward to a successful school year.

- **September 27, 2021 Visitors allowed on campus**

### Continuity of Educational Services/Instructional Information

- **General Instructional Settings**

Jim Ned CISD will no longer offer parents the option for either face-to-face or remote/virtual learning. All students will be required to attend school Face-to-Face and attend school according to compulsory attendance laws. All COVID protocol will still be followed if a student tests positive.

- **Face-to-Face Instruction – Students attend school daily and follow safety and sanitation expectations.**

- **Daily attendance**

District funding and resources are linked to attendance. Attendance will be taken each day to ensure that students are actively engaged. In addition, per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade.

- **Transportation and Arrival/Departure Procedures**

- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day **prior** to sending their student to board the bus or drop off in the morning.
- A student should not board the bus or attend school if they have a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit and guidelines must be followed before he/she is allowed to return to school.

### **Mitigation Strategies**

- Provide each classroom with hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
- Hand sanitizing stations located at every entrance, hallway locations, cafeteria, fieldhouse and gymnasium.
- All employees will be trained to specifically follow health safety protocols
- Provide all campuses with no-touch thermometers
- We will not require masks, but they will be allowed as an option if a student, parent, or faculty member chooses to utilize one.
- Our custodial staff will clean the school as thoroughly as possible daily
- We have placed hand sanitizer at the entrance of our buses and frequently clean and fog them.
- Germblast service will be utilized to fight infectious disease in our schools. They will treat each campus 3 times with follow up treatments for any infected areas. Germblast will also treat our transportation fleet.
- Classroom furniture will be rearranged to ensure maximum physical distancing and improve traffic flow.
- Work areas will be sanitized after each class. Students will be taught and encouraged to clean their own work areas, as feasible, custodians will clean workstations on a scheduled basis.
- Students are to bring their own refillable water bottles as water fountains will not be accessible. Bottle filling water fountains have been installed at each campus.
- Athletics and extracurricular activities will be conducted in alignment with UIL guidelines.

- Staggered lunch schedule will be implemented for middle school and high school students to limit cafeteria capacity.
- We will welcome visitors this school year but only if they are showing no symptoms of illness in general.
- If there is a COVID case this school year, we will monitor the situation as we did the previous year.

### **Social-Emotional Support/Mental Wellness**

- Students in need of social-emotional support will be provided tiered interventions which could involve referral for additional school-based services or referral for outside mental health support.
- Counselors will develop strategies and support for students, families, and staff members for each phase of recovery (before reopening, immediately after reopening, and long-term support).
- Counselors will develop a referral system for individuals who need targeted support as well as access to school-employed and community mental health professionals.
- A process will be established to help identify and provide support to students or staff, perhaps at higher risk for significant stress or trauma from COVID-19.
- JNCISD counselors will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.

### **Campus Re-entry Criteria**

In the case of an individual who was ***diagnosed with COVID-19***, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:

- at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
- the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
- at least eight days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

### **Notice:**

Jim Ned CISD's Communication Plan for Parents and the Public

- Jim Ned CISD website (<https://www.jimned.esc14.net/>)
- Jim Ned CISD App

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Jim Ned CISD's Administration Leadership Team, staff, and community members will be continuously reviewing this document and other possible structures for students safely returning to in-person instruction and the continuity of services no less frequently than every six months.