



# *Back to School Plan*

## *2022-2023*

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*Expect. Achieve. Excel.*

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### ***Our Vision***

*La Feria Independent School District is committed to excellence through a system of family, community, and educational values where learners are empowered to become leaders that will positively impact the world.*

### ***Our Mission***

*The mission of the La Feria Independent School District is to develop learners for a global society*

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# SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

## Communication

### Provide Notice: Requirements for Parental and Public Notes

The plan is intended to provide a summary of what the district will implement to mitigate the COVID-19 spread in our schools.

We encourage our parents, students, staff, and community to visit our district and school websites and to follow our social media platforms. In addition to this, we will utilize the school messenger notification system to send out periodic messages.

La Feria I.S.D. has designated the following individuals as the point of contact in responding to COVID-19 questions and/or concerns:

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## Public Health Considerations

While it is not possible to eliminate all risks of furthering the spread of COVID-19, there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly. Consistently implementing these guidelines to the extent feasible is the best way to reduce the potential negative impact of infection on students' educational experiences and to protect staff.

This guidance addresses the following:

- On campus instruction and safety protocols
- Administrative activities by teachers, staff, or students that occur on school campuses to reduce the potential impact of the spread of the communicable diseases
- UIL extracurricular sports and activities
- Visits from the students' parents or the general public

We ask that everyone please be mindful of the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic remains quite fluid and will continue to dictate and navigate through the school year

## TEACHING AND LEARNING PLAN

### Traditional

#### Face-to-Face Schooling

During the 2022-23 school year, La Feria ISD will offer a face-to-face learning environment for all students. Instruction will support a student-centered learning environment that promotes academic excellence and addresses the needs of students due to learning loss caused by the pandemic. All students will participate in campus instruction 100% of the time following regular bell schedules designated for elementary, junior high, high school, and the alternative school.

**Remote instruction (virtual instruction) is not an instructional option for the 2022-2023 school year.**

**Students will continue to receive individualized instruction and/or related services as recommended through their respective support programs.**

## SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES (Instructional Time)

### **Sam Houston Elementary Grades PK-4**

7:45 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

### **David G. Sanchez Elementary Grades PK-4**

7:45 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

### **C. E. Vail Elementary Grades PK-4**

7:45 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

### **Noemi Dominguez Elementary Grades 5-6**

7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

### **W. B. Green Jr. High School Grades 7-8**

7:55 a.m. – 3:57 p.m.

### **La Feria High School Grades 9-12**

7:40 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **La Feria Academy**

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



## Attendance Protocols

Per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade.

Attendance will be recorded once a day (10:00 am) for all elementary students. Attendance is recorded for each class according to the schedule for all secondary students.

Please see the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH) rules as provided by TEA. A district may count instruction as classroom time and count the student in attendance provided certain requirements are met.

\*\*\* Truancy laws and standards are in full effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

## Health Related Safety Protocols

The details in this entire document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities and/or health officials, or as environmental conditions change.

La Feria ISD continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and receives regular guidance from Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Texas Education Agency, and other local, state, and federal agencies regarding response, prevention, and mitigation efforts. This direction will continue to evolve based on COVID-19 conditions across the state and our local community. Due to the nature of this virus that causes the spread of COVID-19, La Feria ISD cannot guarantee or eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID-19; however, we can work together to minimize the risk for all our students, staff, and community members by following the guidelines set forth in this plan.

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed) or has tested positive for COVID-19. All individuals (students/staff) who are suspected to have COVID-19 will be isolated and sent home.

- Feeling feverish or measured temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea

## Protocols for Students and Staff Confirmed or Suspected of Having COVID-19

As per the Texas Department of State and Health Services (TDSHS)

If symptomatic, students and staff will be sent home until at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, are fever-free, and other symptoms have improved.

Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms **MUST STAY** home until at least 5 days after the day they were tested.

For individuals who have symptoms and wish to return to school before completing the above stay-at-home period, the individual must either:

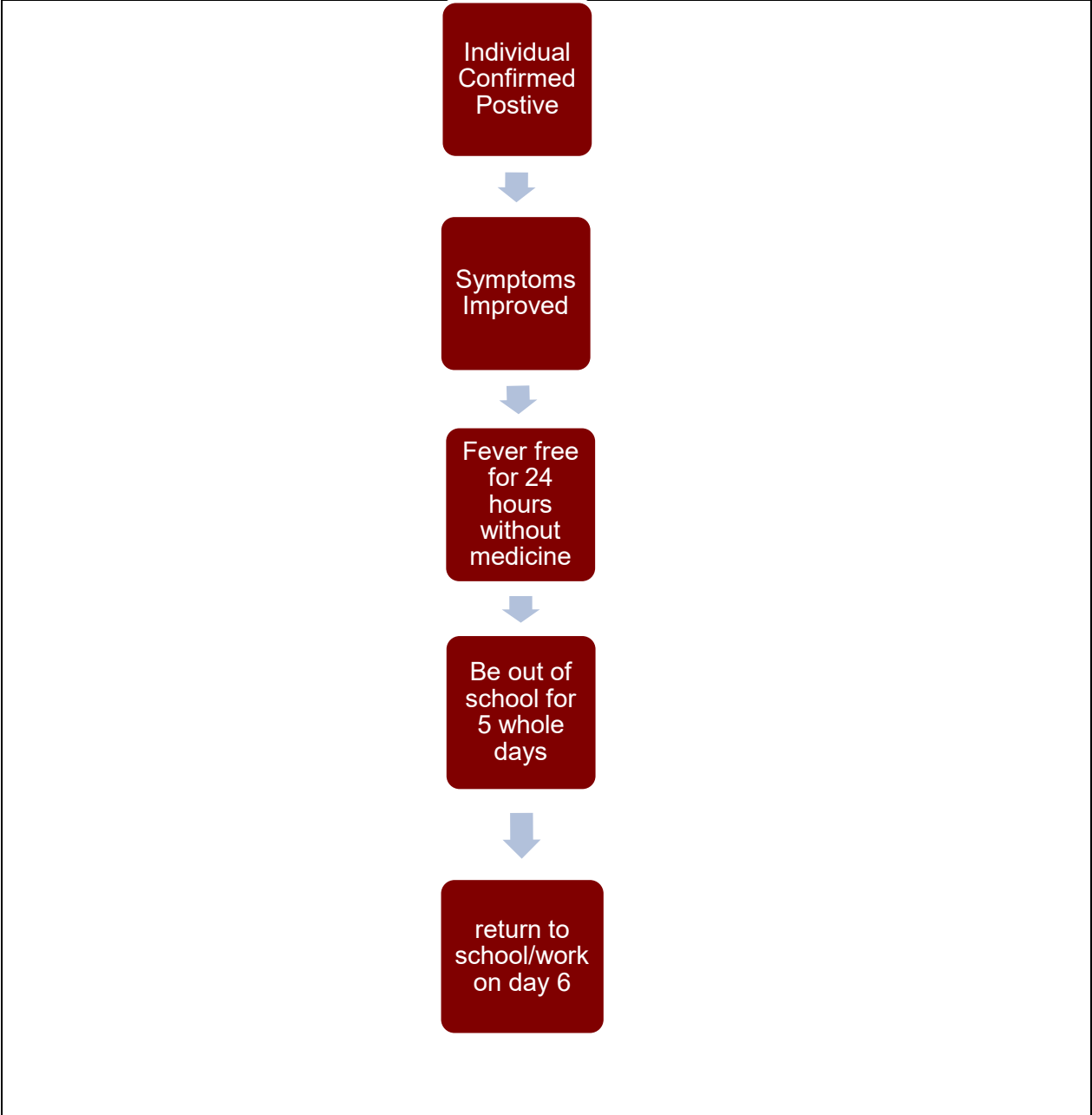
- obtain a medical provider's note clearing the individual for the return based on an alternative diagnosis, though for health privacy reasons the note does not need to indicate what the alternative diagnosis is, or;
- obtain an acute infection test (at a physician's office, approved testing location, or home test) that comes back negative for COVID-19

### **Additional Information Regarding Masks:**

Our health and safety protocols have been the key to mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community. We will continue to operate under the latest recommendations from local, state, and federal health authorities, to keep our school community safe.

- Staff and students are not required to wear a mask effective 03-09-2022
- Masks will be utilized for emergency purposes or when a student or staff is exhibiting symptoms.

# COVID-19 FLOWCHART



**\*LFISD will provide rapid testing if tests are available. All determinations will be made on a case-by-case method. \***

## SUSPECTED COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CAMPUS PROTOCOLS

When a Communicable Disease is suspected the following protocols will be initiated. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) mandates:

- The ill child will be separated from well children at the facility until the ill child can be picked up and taken home.
- Parents will be immediately informed so that medical advice can be sought.
- Protocols for students and staff confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 will be followed for readmission.
- Please see website: [www.dshs.texas.gov](http://www.dshs.texas.gov)

## Health and Hygiene Practices

### Sanitation Procedures:

- Classrooms are sanitized daily.
- Restrooms are sanitized three times a day. We have installed touchless faucets and dividers for the sinks, and automatic toilets and urinals in the stalls.
- Pre-K/Kinder restrooms are sanitized at least four times a day.
- Hand sanitizer is available in each classroom, at all entrances, and throughout common areas throughout the campus.
- Portable Electrostatic Disinfecting mist devices are used daily at all campuses.

### Celebrations

- In-class celebrations will be allowed with only packaged items brought in by the student. Deliveries are not allowed.
- Birthday parties will be allowed in the classroom (on a day approved by the teacher/principal)
- Special holiday celebrations will be teacher-led and must have prior approval from the principal.
- In-class celebrations will be allowed with only packaged items.

### Deliveries

- Due to health concerns, no deliveries will be accepted. Except for emergencies, delivery of messages or packages to students will not be allowed during instructional time.
- Parents who need to deliver medication to the school nurse, **must** call ahead and schedule a time to deliver the medical items/equipment.

## **Sports**

For all sports, there will be no limit on the number of the school who may participate in a meet or tournament. This includes team tennis, cross country, volleyball, and basketball. UIL will continue to monitor conditions and will announce any adjustments as they are available.

## **Bus Transportation**

Students utilizing the bus transportation service are encouraged to follow safety protocols.

- Face masks are optional for all riders.
- All students are provided hand sanitizer upon entering the bus.
- Bus drivers disinfect the bus between each route.
- At the end of the day, bus drivers will deep clean all buses.
- All buses are equipped with air purifiers.

## **Classroom Facilities**

Creating a safe, clean, and effective environment for our students and staff is our top priority. Classrooms, restrooms, hallways, offices, and other common areas will be continuously deep cleaned and disinfected daily, throughout the instructional day. La Feria ISD schools will thoroughly clean and disinfect daily to adhere to all necessary safety precautions. La Feria ISD schools will continue to have daily protocols for cleaning and disinfecting.

## **Drinking Water Fountains**

Touchless water fountains have been installed for staff and student use. Our staff and students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles from home.

## **Cafeteria**

Students will eat in the cafeteria or other areas designated by the principal. If the maximum capacity is reached in the cafeteria, students will be asked to eat in other designated areas, if needed. No meal drop-offs or deliveries are permitted at any campus. School meals will be provided through a mix of delivery services including the cafeterias and classrooms.

## **Classroom Instruction**

- Instruction will be delivered in a traditional classroom setting.
- Collaborative learning is conducted with safety procedures in place.
- Shared supplies are sanitized between uses.
- Practice social distancing when feasible without disrupting the educational experience.
- Students' individual needs are addressed on a case-by-case basis.

## SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Maintaining a safe and secure learning environment is a top priority for La Feria ISD. Our commitment to school safety is not new, but something we continue to work on consistently. La Feria ISD is committed to safety and security in our schools so that students have the best environment for learning. La Feria ISD encourages students, staff, and the public to report any concerns regarding school safety to the school administration. Reports can be made directly to school officials or through the district's website, "If you See Something, Say Something, Do Something" program.

[https://www.laferiaisd.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/see\\_something\\_say\\_something\\_do\\_something](https://www.laferiaisd.org/news/what_s_new/see_something_say_something_do_something)

The safety of our students and staff is important to La Feria ISD and we will take all incidents seriously.

# PROTECT YOUR EVERY DAY



If you

SEE  SOMETHING

 SAY SOMETHING

DO SOMETHING

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Call local authorities or 9-1-1 in case of emergency



CONTACT US

## **Designated Entry and Exit Points**

Each campus will designate a single point of entry and exit by district personnel.

### **Visitors**

Parents and others are welcome to visit our district schools and participate in school activities and functions. For the safety of those within our schools, all visitors must report to the main office and comply with all applicable district policies and procedures. All visitors should be prepared to show proper identification.

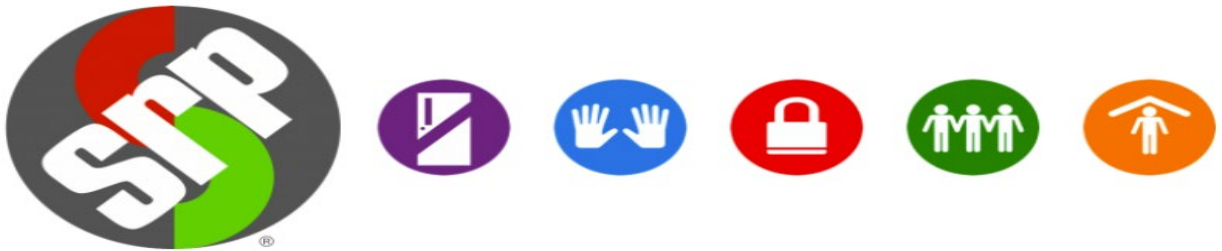
All visitors to any campus will be screened via the Visitor Management System by Raptor Technologies and must provide proper acceptable forms of identification to be allowed on campus. Visitors will prominently display visitor badge while on school premises.

### **Required School Safety Action Steps**

TEA (Texas Education Agency) has established the protocols for all school districts to implement this school year. La Feria ISD has already conducted Door Safety Audits and will conduct periodic Intruder Detection Audits and Safety checks throughout the year.

### **Standard Safety Protocol (SRP)**

La Feria ISD will follow the SRP to establish a common language and emergency protocols for all La Feria schools and buildings. The La Feria faculty and staff have received training on this protocol. All La Feria students will be trained once school begins.



### **Emergency Safety Drills at All Campuses**

All campuses and school facilities will conduct periodic and scheduled emergency safety drills.

## Safety Drills

La Feria ISD will continue to follow state-mandated drills and safety measures at all campuses. Required safety drills:

- Secure: 1 per school year
- Lockdown: 2 per school year (one per semester)
- Evacuate: 1 per school year
- Shelter (Hazmat): 1 per school year
- Shelter (Severe Weather): 1 per school year
- Fire Drill Evacuation: 1 per month

## Additional Safety Protocols at all LFISD Facility Events

La Feria ISD has instituted a Clear Bag Policy for all spectators and visitors at all facility events for each campus.



## CLEAR BAG POLICY

Bag requirements for all LFISD facility events.

### APPROVED BAGS



Clear Large Bags Only



Small Bags  
Small clutch bags/purses do not have to be clear, but cannot exceed 6" x 8"



One Gallon Reusable Plastic Storage Bag



Childcare Supplies  
Must go through security screen



Medical Supplies

No bags larger than 6" x 8". Clear bags must not exceed 12" x 12" x 6".

\*Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items and diaper bags after proper inspection at designated areas.

### NON-APPROVED BAGS



Coolers



Briefcase  
Computer Bag



Backpack



Luggage



Purses

## Additional Resources

Find more information in the following links:

[Student Handbook and Code of Conduct 2022-2023](#)