



BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

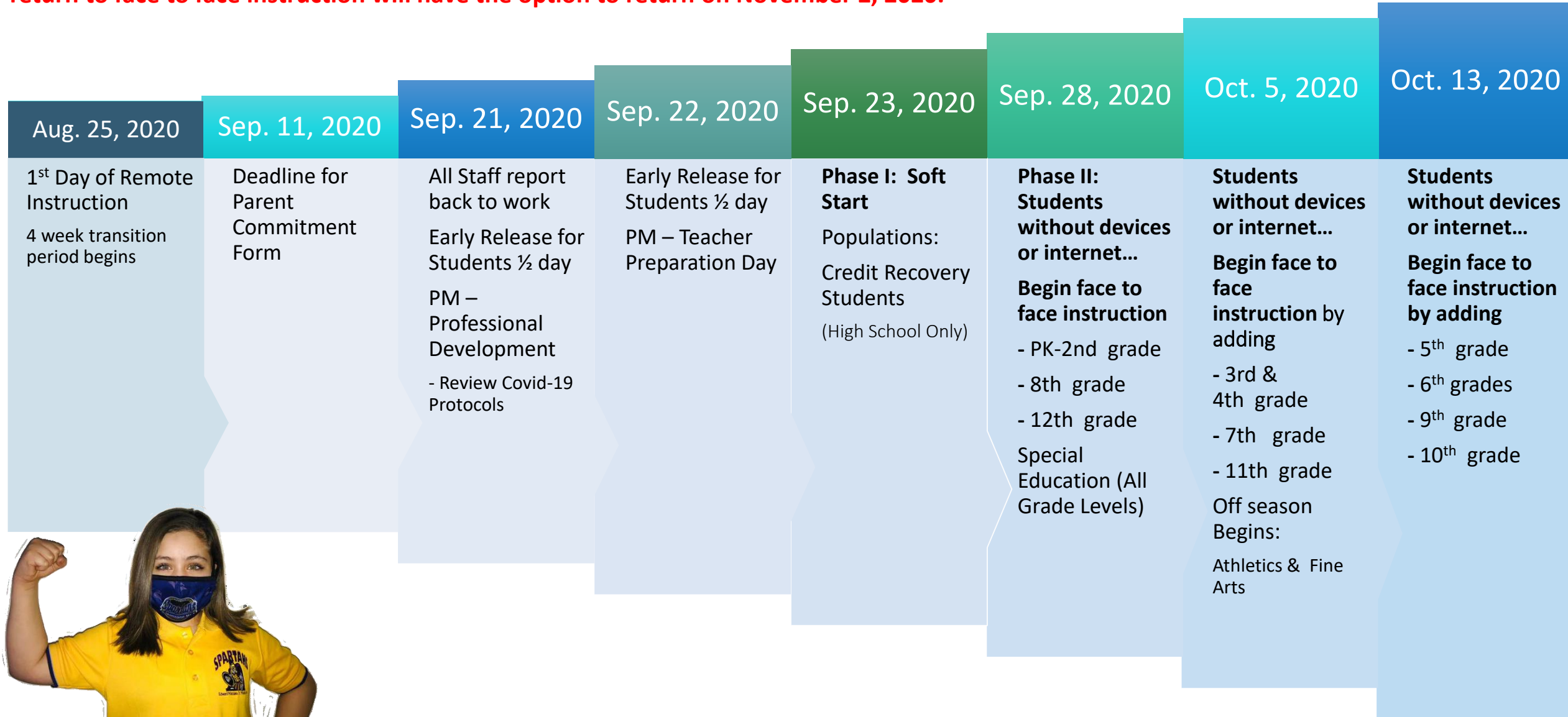
Curriculum and Instruction
STRONG START
2020 School Protocols





Reopening Tentative Timelines 2020-2021

Note: To prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus students will be phased in slowly. Parents of students with Internet and devices opting to return to face to face instruction will have the option to return on November 2, 2020.



From: Dr. Anysia Trevino <dratrevino@bisd.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Delgado, Alejandro <Alejandro.Delgado@tea.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Alejandro Delgado email

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good Morning Mr. Delgado,

BISD is inquiring about school closures.

Background:

BISD first day of remote instruction: August 25, 2020

BISD requested the 4 week transition period which technically ends September 22, 2020

BISD Board of Trustees approved an extension to the 4 weeks transition for an additional 4 weeks on August 4, 2020

Question:

What are the consequences for BISD if our school board elects and approves for NO students to come into campus for those additional 4 weeks.

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Dr. Trevino,

We have reviewed the background information and question you emailed, and our current [SY 20-21 Attendance and Enrollment guidance](#) does not permit a district to prohibit any students from learning on campus during the 4 week Back to School Transition window.

Sincerely,

Alejandro Delgado
Deputy Chief of Staff
Texas Education Agency

Parent Commitment Form Results

As of 9/09/2020

| | Face-to-Face Instruction | Distance Learning |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Total | 3,773 | 11,640 |

Overall Response

15,413

School Closure Protocol



- Should superintendent of schools order a campus close due to a confirmed COVID-19 case, At Home Learning or via remote instruction will continue to the extent it is possible to do so beginning the following day.
- Each campus will have a plan to transition to At Home Learning or via remote instruction to include the distribution of devices and materials.
- Communication will be sent to **ALL** parents and staff notifying them of a confirmed case (TEA letter)
- Staff will notify local health department of confirmed case in accordance to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family, Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Campus Custodians will utilize the Clorox Deep Cleaning machine as well as deep cleaning procedures for disinfecting the heavily used areas used by the individual with the test confirmed case.
- The superintendent of schools may close the campus a minimum of 1 to a maximum of 3 days.

Campus Visitor Protocol



- Non-essential visitors will not be allowed in the building.
- Temperature checks will be conducted for all visitors entering the building
- All visitors who can enter the building will be required to wear a face covering. Visitors may be asked to momentarily remove a face covering to verify identification.
- All visitors will be screened using the BISD Health Screening Form. When asking individuals if they have symptoms for COVID-19, school systems will only require the individual to provide a “Yes” or “No” to the overall statement that they are symptomatic for COVID-19
- A visitor who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed in school buildings until they have met the criteria for reentry in accordance to Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines.
- Social distancing will be maintained for any meeting with a visitor (ARD, etc.).
- BISD campuses will not accept non-essential deliveries (including meal deliveries, birthday cakes, flowers) during the school day. During substantial and moderate COVID-19 activity, BISD will restrict visitors inside the building, including volunteers and parents.
- Employees who work at central office or CAB will be screened upon entering their work location and will not need to be re-screened when they visit the schools.

If any central office or CAB employee reports directly to any of the school buildings, they will be required to undergo the screening at the visiting school.

Disinfecting & Hand Sanitizing Protocol

Staff will receive COVID-19 training, including hand-washing procedures, the use of personal protective equipment, sanitation procedures, and safe glove removal procedures.

Students will receive hand-washing training, face covering training, safe glove removal, and sanitation procedures training on the first day of instruction.

- Schools will have hand sanitizer at each entrance. Campuses will provide hand sanitizer in every classroom, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors should be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
- Campuses are encouraged to have students engage in supervised handwashing for at least 20 seconds at least two times each day, in addition to being encouraged to wash hands after using the restroom and before eating.



Disinfecting & Hand Sanitizing Protocol

- Campuses are encouraged to teach students good handwashing techniques.
- Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors should be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, covered in their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, hands should be washed immediately with soap.

NOTE

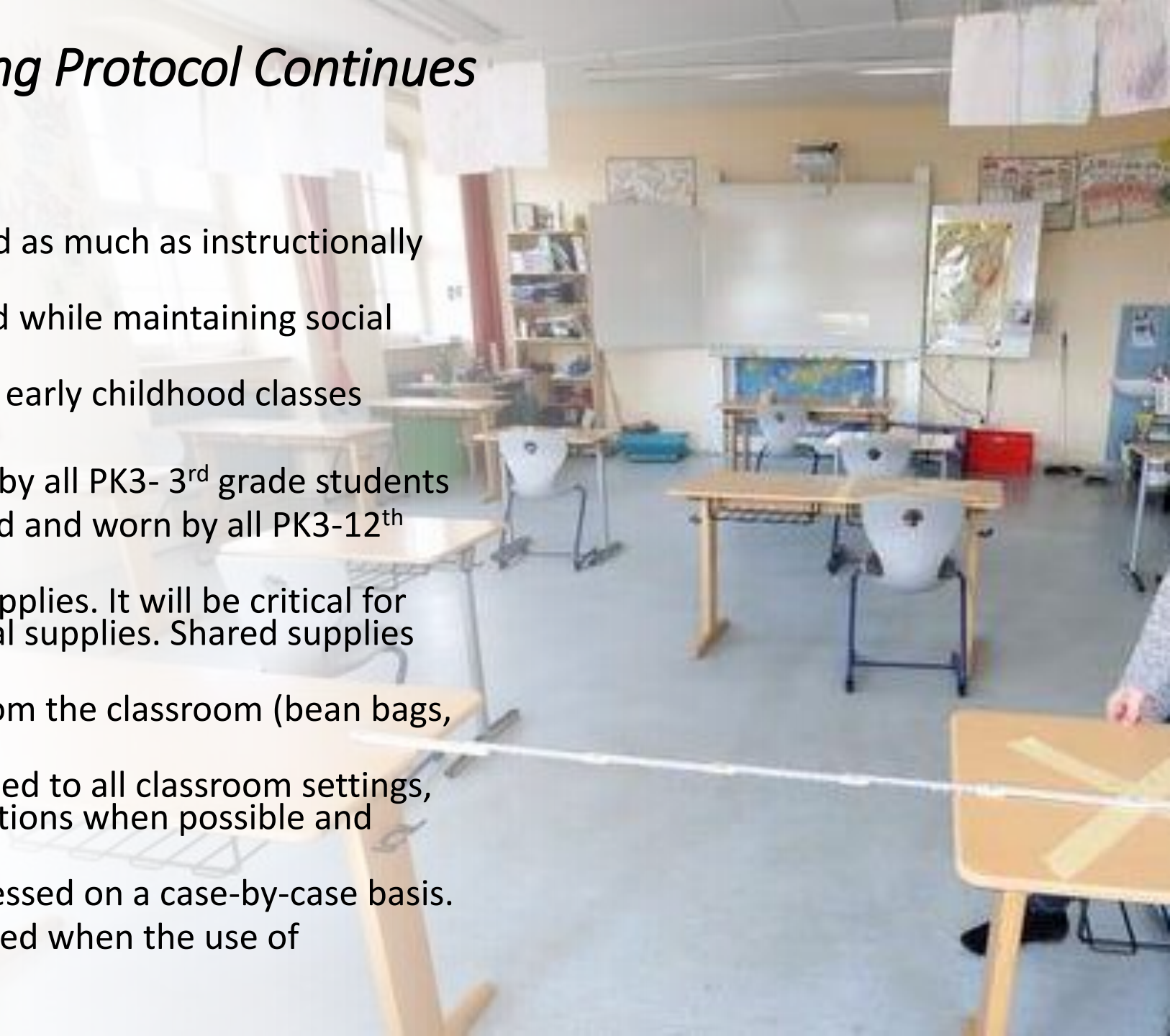
- *Secondary students will be asked to wipe down their desk at the end of each class period.*
- *Elementary students will be asked to wipe down their desks at the end of the day when safe and developmentally appropriate.*
- *Harmful cleaning products will not be stored near students. Students will not have access to harmful cleaning products.*



Disinfecting & Hand Sanitizing Protocol Continues

Classroom Configuration

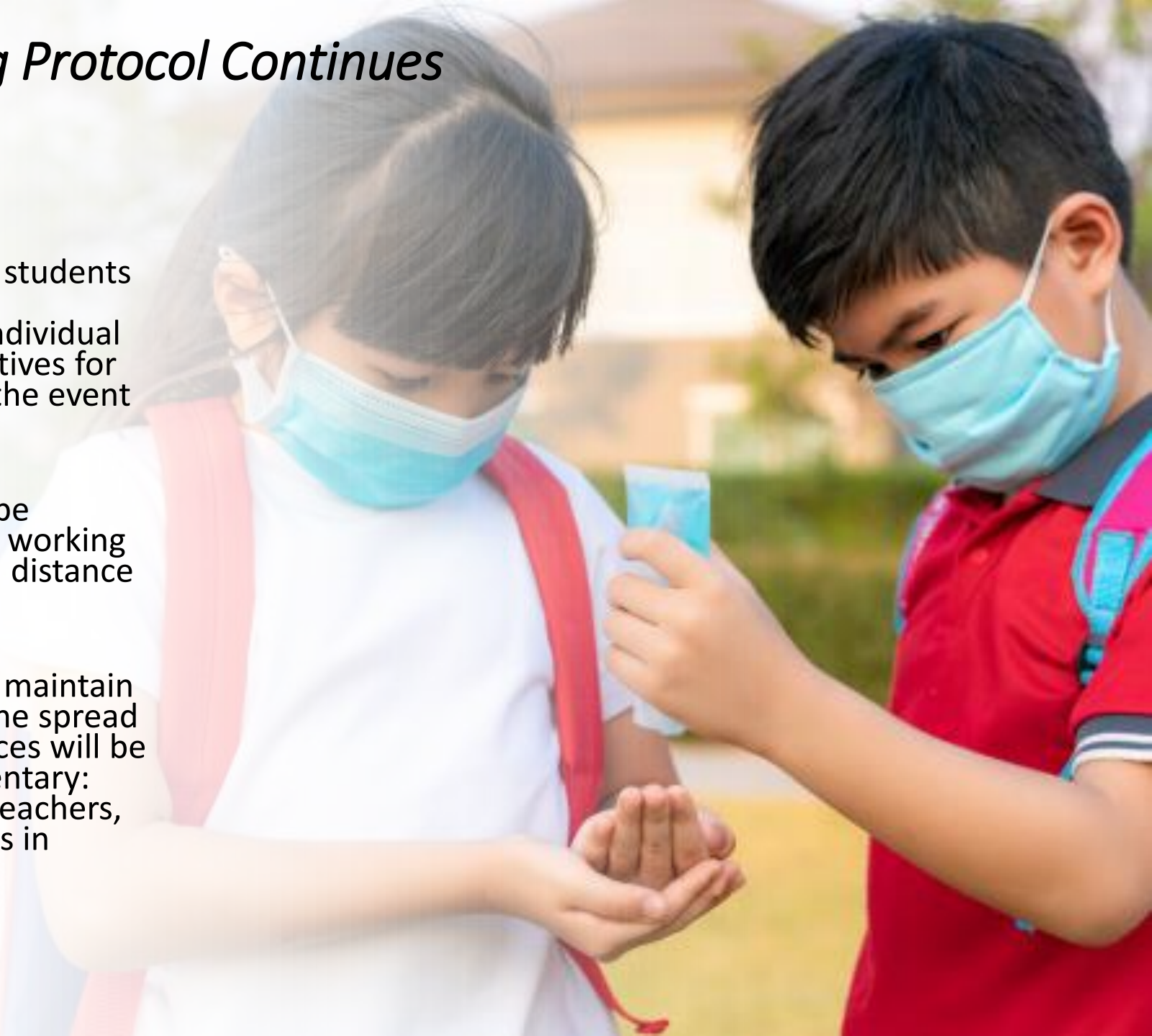
- Desks or tables will be socially distanced as much as instructionally possible.
- Group or pair work can be implemented while maintaining social distancing.
- Plexiglass will be utilized for all desks in early childhood classes (PK3 – 3rd grade).
- Face Shields will be provided and worn by all PK3- 3rd grade students
- Facial coverings (masks) will be provided and worn by all PK3-12th grade students.
- When possible, eliminate communal supplies. It will be critical for students to keep track of their individual supplies. Shared supplies will be sanitized between use.
- Non-essential items will be removed from the classroom (bean bags, reading nooks, rugs, etc.).
- Recommended procedures will be applied to all classroom settings, including special education service locations when possible and appropriate.
- Students' individual needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- When possible, technology can be utilized when the use of manipulatives is needed.



Disinfecting & Hand Sanitizing Protocol Continues

Classroom Configuration

- Teachers will consider assigning cohorts of students specific manipulatives in order to reduce the possibility of exposure or consider creating individual bags of supplementary aids and/or manipulatives for student use that could also be sent home in the event of school closure.
- The use of outdoor space for learning will be considered when possible. Classroom groups working outside will maintain at least 12 feet of social distance from other classroom groups.
- Whenever possible, students and staff will maintain consistent groupings of people to minimize the spread of the virus. Additionally, supplemental services will be grouped by grade level when possible. Elementary: Based on campus decisions with input from teachers, teachers may move to students for transitions in instruction and students will remain in their homeroom class.





Extra Curriculum Activities

Fine Arts

Hand sanitizing stations will be located in Fine Arts classrooms/Band Halls.

Large group practice sessions, sectionals and rehearsals will adhere to social distancing guidelines provided by an authorized entity (e.g., BISD, TEA, UIL, etc.)

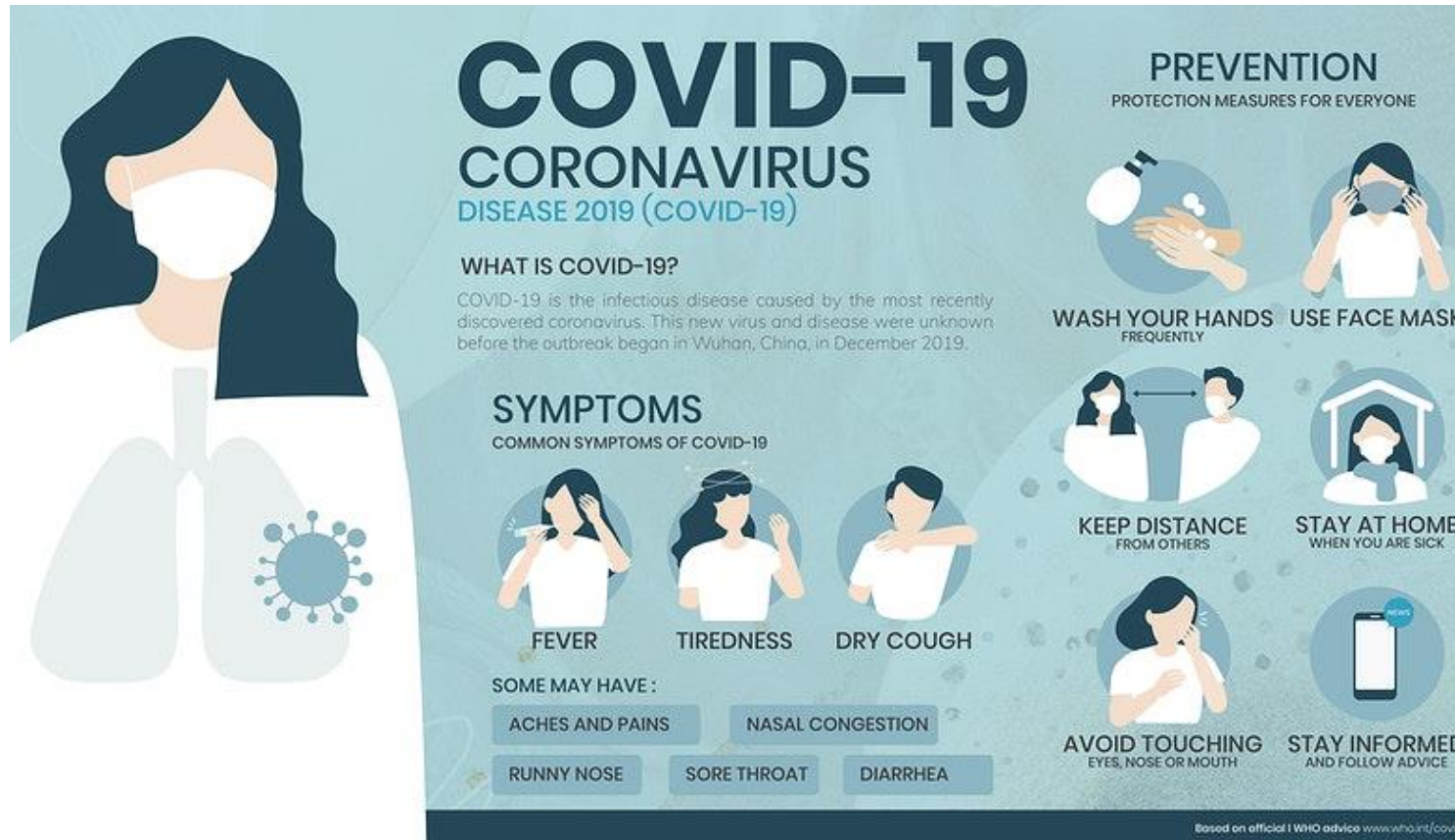
Fine arts music private lesson teachers will not be allowed to teach on campus facilities until further guidance is provided by an authorized entity.

Per UIL guidelines (released 7/21/2020), all employees, parents, visitors, and students over 10 years of age must wear face coverings or face shields upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in the contest unless one of the exceptions below applies:

- any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering
- while a person is consuming food or drink
- maintains at least six feet of social distance

Extra Curriculum Activities

Fine Arts



COVID-19
CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WHAT IS COVID-19?
COVID-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019.

SYMPTOMS
COMMON SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

FEVER **TIREDNESS** **DRY COUGH**

SOME MAY HAVE:

- ACHES AND PAINS
- NASAL CONGESTION
- RUNNY NOSE
- SORE THROAT
- DIARRHEA

PREVENTION
PROTECTION MEASURES FOR EVERYONE

WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY **USE FACE MASK**

KEEP DISTANCE FROM OTHERS **STAY AT HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK**

AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE OR MOUTH **STAY INFORMED AND FOLLOW ADVICE**

Based on official WHO advice www.who.int/covid

Parents should screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms prior to their student's entry into an area where fine arts activities are being conducted or the student's participation in the fine arts activity. School staff may screen students for symptoms and/or ask screening questions of a student's parent/guardian if that parent is dropping off or picking up a student from a Fine Arts or UIL event.

- All visitors to Fine Arts or UIL events are required to be screened to determine if they have COVID-19 symptoms, are lab-positive for COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone who is lab-positive for COVID-19. Temperature checks may also be conducted prior to granting entry to UIL events.