

Union Hill ISD

**Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan
(RIPICS)**

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District Priorities and Purpose

It is our desire to start the 2021-2022 school year with student and staff motivation and confidence! We will ensure, to the best of our ability, the safety and educational tools needed for a successful year!

Even though COVID-19 has been challenging, UHISD continues to move forward responding to the pandemic and addressing student learning loss.

UHISD's RIPICS Plan (Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan) has been created to be flexible as governing authorities and/or health officials update us on present situations of the environmental conditions effecting our protocols for safety.

UHISD's RIPICS Plan will be reviewed every six months at school board meetings. All stakeholders have the opportunity to share input the month prior to board meetings concerning the UHISD RIPICS Plan. Stakeholders include, but not limited to, staff, students, parents, community members, and board members. Stakeholders' input includes, but not limited to, information and ideas addressing concerns of our special populations, mental health services, lost instructional time, improving air quality, purchasing educational technology, and repairing/improving school facilities to reduce the risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards. Stakeholder input has been gathered by stakeholder surveys posted on www.uhlisd.com, and stakeholder meetings (school board meetings, focus group meetings, district SBDM).

	Stakeholder Input Gathered	Plan Reviewed at Board Meeting
June 2021, 2022, 2023	X	
July 2021, 2022, 2023		X
November 2021, 2022	X	
December 2021, 2022		X

Union Hill ISD has and will continue to engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan for the uses of ARP ESSER III funds to be utilized for safely opening and operating for in-person learning according to CDC guidance. The funds will address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning and extended day. Union Hill ISD ensures that the interventions to be implemented will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

Roles, Responsibilities, and Resources

Prepare for Learning	
Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Come to school with supplies, complete assignments, and ready to learn o Complete class/course by district/teacher deadlines
Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Access Teacher Expectations/Syllabus for Students o Daily prepare your child for learning by helping your child organizing materials/backpack o Designate a routine and specific place in home for academics
Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Weekly plan with grade-level team/department team and principals concerning instructional goals and strategies for all students o Follow the curriculum scope and sequence

Academic Expectations	
Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Be on time and ready to learn when entering the classroom o Attend class daily o Collaborate with teacher and peers during class discussions o Ask for clarification if you do not understand how to use learning tools such as Google Classroom o Practice digital citizenship
Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ask your child what he/she learned at school each day o Partner with your child's teacher to collaborate in order to produce the best educational experience for your child o Create and maintain open communication with your child's teacher via Remind, email, phone calls, and/or face-to-face conferences o Teach your child responsibility to take ownership of his/her own learning
Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Assess students assignments in a timely manner to give feedback and address next steps if tutorials or interventions are necessary o Post grades in a timely manner, at least weekly o Classroom teachers provide instruction and interventions as data determines o Intervention teachers provide intervention aligned to classroom needs, campus and district schedules o Teachers must follow IEP/504 accommodations o Provide services for ESL and G/T o Monitor student progress continuously (with documentation)

Mental Health, Social Emotional Learning	
Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seek guidance from trusted school employee or adult when feeling anxious or struggling with feelings of depression, anger, etc.
Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Be a good listener for your child, and learn what to listen for if and when your child cries out for help o Reach out to the school counselor if you need/want to visit about any concerns you have about your child.
Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provide a mental, social, and emotional safe place within the classroom o Watch for warning signs for mental health struggles o Report all concerns to campus counselor or administration o Complete all required professional learning for mental health o Self check yourself mentally, socially, and emotionally o Reach out to a school counselor, administrator, or trusted adult if you need/want to visit about any concerns you have about yourself

Staff and Student Support	
Social Emotional Learning (SEL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Safe learning environment o SEL provided by the district: bullying prevention, suicide prevention child abuse prevention, dating violence prevention, sexual harassment prevention o Certified Counselor o Multi-Tiered System of Support (RTI) o Substance Abuse-Red Ribbon Week o All students' breakfast/lunches free
Mental Health	
Academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Multi-Tiered System of Support (RTI) o Intervention - K-12 o Dyslexia Classes

Special Populations Support	
Special Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ARD committees will determine the unique needs of students who receive special education services and will make service recommendations for students. Progress will be carefully monitored and ARD Committees will convene as needed to make appropriate recommendations to meet individual student needs. This will ensure continued growth in the general education curriculum and on IEP goals and objectives

English Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LPAC Committees will determine the unique needs of students who receive English Learner services and will make service recommendations for students o Progress monitored via TELPAS results, STAAR results, local assessments, and intervention progress monitoring
504	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 504 Committees will determine the unique needs of students who receive services and will make service recommendations for students. o Progress monitored via STAAR results, local assessments, universal screeners, and intervention progress monitoring
Dyslexia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Students will receive support as outlined in the Texas Dyslexia Handbook o Progress monitored via STAAR results, local assessments, universal screeners, and intervention progress monitoring
Gifted and Talented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Students will receive support as outlined in the UHISD Gifted and Talented Handbook

Screening for Communicable Diseases, including COVID-19	
Prevention and Precaution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Self-screening is a daily protocol that should be practiced by all stakeholders before coming on campus. o Stakeholders should not come on campus if they have symptoms of a communicable disease, including COVID-19 o Stakeholders who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, or have immediate family members who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, should not be on campus until a physician's release date is obtained o Staff will monitor students, and will send a student to the nurse if symptoms are present o Corrective wearing of masks (as now, according to Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott, Union Hill ISD will not mandate the wearing of masks, but allow mask wearing for any person desiring to wear one).

Vaccinations	
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Search vaccines.gov, text your zip code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you.

Disinfecting and Hand Sanitizing	
Hand Washing/ Sanitizing Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hand sanitizers will be available at the main entry to each campus, in classrooms, and the cafeteria o Staff and students are expected to frequently wash or sanitize their hands

Disinfecting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Staff will have access to disinfectant solutions to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects between uses o Classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily
Protocols for Campus Cleaning and Disinfecting	
Daily Campus Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Each classroom will be cleaned and disinfected daily o All high-touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day o Cafeteria will be disinfected before each lunch period o Staff and students have the opportunity to disinfect high-touch items, and shared items
Restrooms Water Fill Stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Disinfecting will occur throughout the day o Staff and students must wash their hands with soap and water before exiting the restroom o Handwashing techniques will be taught to students and reinforced o Students will fill personal water bottles throughout the day o Students are required to take home their water bottle for cleaning
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Students should practice social distancing whenever possible while waiting for an approaching school bus o Students should not share food, drinks, or personal devices o Bus seating areas will be disinfected after each bus route o Bus windows will be open to allow outside air to circulate when possible

Physical Distancing	
General Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o When possible, practice social distancing inside and outside o Wash and sanitize hands frequently
Campus Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No visitor is allowed on campus with lab confirmed COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 o Visitors should utilize hand sanitizer upon entering a campus building o Visitors are prohibited to enter the cafeteria or classrooms when students are present o Virtual meetings may be utilized to conduct meetings such as ARD's, LPAC's 504 meetings, etc.

Response to COVID-19

Symptomatic Individuals	
Prevention and Precaution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Stay home and seek medical advice from a physician o Students with symptoms will be sent to the nurse. The nurse will determine if the child should be sent home. The student will stay in isolation until picked up ASAP o Submit a medical professional's note for return clearance o Contact tracing (isolation/quarantine) as instructed by CDC guidance o District will report confirmed cases to the local health department

Positive Lab-Confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o UHISD will follow CDC guidance and other governing authorities for length of isolation o 24 hour period free of fever without medication o Symptoms have significantly improved (breathing/coughing)
Household Member Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Well individuals should not be in contact with someone in isolation o Household members may return according to governing authorities
Additional Options for Return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Individuals who have positive antibodies may return with no symptoms o Individuals who are fully vaccinated may return with no symptoms o Individuals who are lab-confirmed positive within 90 days may return with no symptoms
Notification For Positive COVID-19 Cases on Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Close contacts will receive a call from the school nurse or campus administrator if exposed to someone positive for COVID-19

Respiratory Hygiene	
Cough Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cover your nose and mouth while coughing or sneezing o Use tissues and throw them away o Wash your hands or use sanitizer each time you touch your nose or mouth o Hand sanitizer, tissues, and non-touch receptacles will be provided