

Hemphill ISD 2020-2021 School Plan

As of March 10, 2021

The Hemphill ISD 2020-2021 School Plan is a working document and is subject to change as new information is received, new state requirements mandated, and new best practices developed.

Message from HISD

The HISD administrative team, faculty and school board are working to create the best educational opportunities in safe learning environments for all students. COVID-19 has and continues to impact the norms of our schools and society and HISD will strive to stay abreast of new developments in information and best practices. HISD realizes that there are and will be differing opinions and seeks to respectfully work with all stakeholders. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's campus office or the HISD superintendent's office. Thank you for working with us to provide the best education possible for our children.

Public Health Considerations (per TEA School Year 20-21 [Public Health Guidance](#))

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages, and school system leaders should do everything feasible to keep students, teachers, staff, and our communities safe. That said, research from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19 and some severe outcomes have been reported in children, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized or have severe symptoms. Furthermore, the American Academy of Pediatrics notes that COVID-19 risks must be balanced with the need for children to attend school in person, given that lack of physical access to school leads to a number of negative consequences, placing "children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity, and in some case, mortality."

Instructional Options:

Hemphill ISD students will have the option to either attend school in person or virtually during the 2020-2021 school year. Options are to be selected no later than two weeks prior to the first day of instruction for a particular grading period. For example: Instructional options for the first grading period must be determined by July 29, 2020. Once an option is selected, students will not have the ability to change from Virtual Instruction to In-Person Instruction until the end of the current six-week grading period. Parents and students must be fully aware of the requirements and expectations of this instructional model before selecting this mode of instruction.

On-Campus Instruction

- Hemphill ISD intends to begin On-Campus Instruction on the first day of school for students, August 17, 2020.
- On-Campus Instruction is traditional at-school learning.
- Additional safety protocols and social distancing will be implemented as recommended for on-campus learning.

- If a student participating in On-Campus Instruction is diagnosed with COVID-19, that student will immediately be transitioned to Virtual Instruction until all reinstatement requirements are fulfilled, and they are released to come back to school.

Virtual School Requirements

The Texas Education Agency has approved two different virtual school models in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for districts to utilize in addition to on-campus instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. Synchronous instruction (real-time/live, virtual instruction between teachers and students) and asynchronous instruction (real-time/live, virtual instruction between teachers and students and/or teachers provide pre-recorded videos of instruction and guided support while students engage in learning materials on their own time and interact daily with the teacher). Hemphill ISD will provide asynchronous instruction for students in grades PK-12. Hemphill ISD students participating in virtual instruction (asynchronous instruction) will be required to engage in learning activities on their own time during the school day, interacting daily with the teacher(s) via computer or other electronic devices, or over the phone. Teachers will post an assignment/activity each day and give guided support under this model of instruction.

For students participating in asynchronous instruction to be counted for attendance purposes, **they must be engaged in one of the following ways for each enrolled class during each school day:**

1. Daily attendance via live virtual instruction as available; or
2. Daily progress in the Learning Management System (LMS) as defined in the Hemphill ISD learning plan; or
3. Daily progress via teacher-student interactions as defined in the Hemphill ISD learning plan; or
4. Completion/submission of assignments from student to teacher (potentially via email, online, or mail).

Per Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.092, students must attend 90 percent of a course (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in effect during the 2020-2021 school year.

Attendance and Enrollment

- Hemphill ISD will be required to take DAILY attendance under all learning models. This means students will have to be present on-campus or engaged online in their Learning Management System (LMS) each day to be counted present for credit purposes.
- For a student participating in Virtual Instruction (asynchronous instruction) to be counted for attendance, they must be engaged in one of the following three ways in each class daily:
 - Daily progress in the Learning Management System (LMS), as defined in the approved learning plan; or
 - Daily progress via teacher-student interactions, as defined in the approved learning plan; or
 - Completion/Submission of assignments from student to teacher (potentially via email, on-line, or mail).
- Per Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.092, students must attend 90 percent of a course (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be

promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in force during the 2020-2021 school year.

- Student attendance may be earned through the delivery of virtual instruction.
- School systems are required to provide parents a notice of their public education enrollment and attendance rights and responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic using a document published by TEA.

Special Programs

- Special Programs staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Instruction - Special education and 504 students will receive instruction and related services in accordance with their individualized education/accommodation plan. Virtual learners will receive services remotely rather than on campus.
- Related and/or other services (speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, direct psychological services, and/or vision services) will be provided by the same service provider when possible through various digital platforms (Zoom, Google Meet, etc.) for virtual learners. Some related and/or other services such as vision, orientation and mobility, and adapted physical education may be provided via consultation and not as a direct service.
- Students with disabilities whose needs pose additional challenges to learning in a virtual environment are encouraged to attend On-Campus Instruction.
- Therapy services will continue for students receiving those services within both learning platforms. Virtual students will receive these services through an electronic digital platform provided by the district. Students attending school on campus will receive these services face to face while at school.
- Regression will be addressed in an ARD/504 committee meeting.
- Special education transportation services will be provided as written in the ARD paperwork for on-campus learners.
- Additional PPE for staff and additional sanitization procedures will be practiced in special education classrooms.
- Evaluations for special education/504 eligibility will vary on a case by case basis. Hemphill ISD will encourage on-site/in-person evaluations in order to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the evaluation. In the event that an evaluation is needed and an in-person or on-campus accommodation cannot be made, the evaluation will be conducted remotely when possible.

Technology Support

- HISD students, Pre-K through 12th Grade, who need a device for virtual instruction may have access to a district-issued device.

Health and Safety

General Health & Safety Protocols

- Campus staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Disinfectants will be used for deep cleaning campuses.
- Misting machines will be used to treat all surfaces with a hypoallergenic electrostatically charged disinfecting solution prior to the arrival of students and staff.
- Misting machines will also be used in restrooms, classrooms (when vacant), and other common areas throughout the day.

- Students, teachers, staff, and essential campus visitors will be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
- Tissues will be provided in classrooms and common areas to encourage students and staff to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, to cover with their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.
- Sneeze Guards and Plexiglass will be added to public reception desks.
- Social distancing and safety signage will be added and visible throughout school facilities.
- Visitors to the school offices will be required to wear masks/face coverings.
- No outside visitors or parents will be allowed to enter the student areas of the school buildings.
- Main school entrances will be locked immediately after arrival times and remain that way throughout the day to help ensure effective management and safe screening of visitors.
- Hemphill ISD is permitted to prevent any individual who fails the health screening criteria from being admitted to the campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry to the campus.
- Hemphill ISD will provide and reinforce instruction to students on appropriate hygiene practices and other mitigation practices.
- Hemphill ISD will continue to monitor and comply with state and local guidelines/orders for face coverings. Hemphill ISD encourages all staff and students to wear masks or face shields.

Health Pre-Screening for Staff & Students

- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and instead should opt to receive remote instruction until the conditions for re-entry are met.
- Students and staff are expected to take their own temperatures daily before arriving at school. Anyone with a fever of 100.4 or higher should not come to school or any Hemphill ISD facility.
- Students and staff should also prescreen themselves for any of the following symptoms prior to coming to school:
 - Temperature of 100.4 degree Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
 - Sore throat;
 - New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (or, for students with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
 - Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
 - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Shortness of breath
 - Chills
 - Shaking or exaggerated shivering
 - Significant muscle pain or ache
- Teachers will have access to a thermometer in their classroom to check/verify temperatures at the beginning of each day and as needed and will immediately send anyone with a 100.4 or higher temperature to the school health clinic for temperature verification and symptom check by the school nurse.
- Hemphill ISD will be pre-screening and checking the temperatures of all contracted workers and essential volunteers before they are allowed entrance on campus.

School Health Clinic Procedures

- School Nurses and substitute nurses will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Minor health needs will be handled in the classrooms to reserve the health clinic space for students experiencing symptoms or fever.
- Attendance clerks will be trained to ask questions to screen students/staff who are absent for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who come to the school health clinic showing symptoms will be required to put on a face covering/mask until their parent arrives to take them home.
- School Health Clinics will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Protocols for Individuals Confirmed, Suspected or Exposed to COVID-19

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

- Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
 - 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 ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) obtain an acute molecular PCR (polymerase chain reaction) infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19.

Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

- Schools must immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- Schools should clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) as soon as is feasible.
- Students who report feeling feverish should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School

1. If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and

local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

2. Schools must close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected unless more than 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.
3. Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on-campus activities.

Stay-at-Home Period for Close Contacts of Individuals Who Tested Positive

For individuals who are close contacts to individuals who tested positive, a 14-day stay-at-home period was previously advised by the CDC based on the incubation period of the virus.

As of December 2, 2020, the CDC amended their guidance to allow two shorter options for the stay-at-home period. Based on current CDC guidance, the stay-at-home period can end for individuals experiencing no symptoms:

- On Day 10 after close contact exposure without testing,
- On Day 7 after close contact exposure and after receiving a negative test result.

If individuals return to school from these shorter stay-at-home windows, they should regularly monitor themselves for symptoms to ensure they remain symptom-free and take appropriate precautions (e.g., more consistent mask usage) for the duration of the 14-day incubation period.

Finally, the CDC has also advised that critical infrastructure services—which includes schools—may permit close contact staff members who are asymptomatic to continue to work in select instances when it is necessary to preserve school operations. Per the CDC, this option should be used only in limited circumstances. When using this option, school systems may consider adding additional protocols to increase monitoring for these individuals, which might include the use of COVID-19 tests (e.g., on Day 3 and/or Day 7 after the close contact exposure).

Taking into account all of the above, school systems may apply any of the following stay-at-home periods to those individuals who are identified as close contacts, in the absence of specific control orders issued by their local health authority regarding the identified individuals. Specifically, the stay-at-home period can be:

- 10 days after the last close contact, so long as they continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms and take appropriate precautions through day 14
- 7 days after the last close contact, after receiving a negative test result (administered at least 5 days after the last close contact), so long as they continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms and take appropriate precautions through day 14
- For staff who are necessary to preserve school operations, school systems can choose not to require any stay-at-home period, so long as the affected staff continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms and take appropriate precautions through day 14, and schools can consider the use of rapid tests for these individuals
- 14 days after the last close contact

Close Contact

This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19. The definition of close contact is evolving with our understanding of COVID-19, and individual scenarios should be determined by an appropriate public health agency. In general, close contact is defined as:

- a) being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
- b) being within 6 feet for a total of approximately 15 minutes throughout the course of a day; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are test-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming test.

Remediation of Affected Facilities

Hemphill ISD will create and train a remediation team to address areas where lab-confirmed and suspected COVID-19 individuals were known to be for extended periods of time (example: classrooms). The team will be supervised throughout a step by step remediation to include the following:

- Access to the area(s) will be restricted to the remediation team only until the protocol is complete and the remediation form is signed by the remediation team supervisor
- The campus principal or department director will not allow students or staff into the area until the signed remediation form is received
- Follow accepted procedures for removal and disinfecting of any body fluids
- Cleaning all desk/table surfaces with disinfecting solution
- Cleaning all wall surfaces with disinfecting solution
- Cleaning all hardware (door knobs, etc) with disinfecting solution
- Cleaning all floor surfaces with disinfecting solution
- The entire area/room is sprayed with the electrostatic sanitizing solution and allowed to dry

School Procedures

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

- Parents must remain in line and in vehicles during drop-off and pick-up.
- Parents will not be allowed to walk students into the building unless they are returning a student to on-campus instruction after a covid related illness, quarantine, or isolation (students who have experienced a covid related illness, quarantine, or isolation are not allowed on bus routes until they have been cleared by the school nurse).
- Elementary and MS students partaking of breakfast will go to the cafeteria.
 - Elementary students will be served and eat in the cafeteria which will be monitored for capacity with social distancing considerations.
 - Middle School students will be served in the cafeteria and eat in designated areas outside and in the Middle School.

- As students finish eating and social distancing capacities are reached, both Middle School and Elementary students will be dismissed to other designated areas.
- High School students will have breakfast available at the HS campus and may wait in designated outdoor areas as well as identified classrooms.
- Parents are encouraged to drop their child off at school to reduce possible virus exposure.
- Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer immediately upon entering the building.

Bus Transportation Protocols

- Hemphill ISD will provide bus transportation.
- Bus Drivers will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Bus riders will be encouraged to social distance as much as possible.
- Bus riders will be taught to space themselves out from others as they exit the bus and walk into the school building.
- Drivers and riders will be strongly encouraged but not required to wear a face-covering/mask.
- Hand sanitizers will be on all buses and are to be used by students when entering and exiting the bus.
- Seats, handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected after each route.
- Buses will be sanitized with electrostatic sanitizing solution after/before each route/trip.
- When possible, bus windows will be opened to allow outside air to circulate in the bus.

Cafeteria Safety

- Hemphill ISD plans to utilize the school cafeteria for student meals. Additionally, weather permitting, outdoor spaces will be utilized as well to allow for greater social distancing.
NOTE: No parents/visitors during lunch.
- When possible, food items will be pre-packaged and boxed to minimize face-to-face contact in the cafeteria line.
- Cafeteria staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Classes will go to lunch on a staggered schedule to minimize the number of students in the cafeteria each period.
- All cafeteria staff will be wearing masks and gloves while serving students.
- Students will verbally provide the cafeteria staff their individual account number as part of the "no-touch" lunch purchase process.
- Seats, tables, door handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day.
- The cafeteria and dining areas will be sanitized with electrostatic sanitizing solution after/before breakfast and lunch.

Classrooms

- Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily as described in General Health & Safety Protocols.
- Disinfecting solutions will be available in every classroom for teacher and student use.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
- Social distancing arrangements will be made to the extent possible.
- Sneeze guards will be utilized to the extent possible.

Hallways/Restrooms/Common Areas

- Hallways/Restrooms/Common Areas will be cleaned and sanitized prior to the start of each school day and throughout the day
- Traffic patterns will be established to limit overcrowding and promote social distancing in transitions.
- Disposable cups are available at water fountains and bottle filling stations are on order and will be installed upon arrival.

Playgrounds & Outdoor Spaces

- Playgrounds will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- When feasible and appropriate, students will gather outside (for instance, during physical education class), rather than inside due to the reduced risk of spreading the virus outdoors.

Extracurricular Participation

- Students may participate in extracurricular activities **only if enrolled in on-campus instruction.**
- Students and staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- All participants, coaches, and directors will follow rules established by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) and the Texas Education Agency (TEA).
- HISD will follow the [2020-2021 UIL Covid-19 Risk Mitigation UIL Guidelines](#). More information can be found on the [UIL Website](#).
- In response to healthcare providers' focus on the COVID-19 pandemic, the UIL recently waived the required pre-participation physical examination for students involved in band/athletics who already have a physical on file for the 2019-2020 school year. Those students who are new or do not have a physical already on file will be required to get a physical and complete the pre-participation physical examination form BEFORE participating in band/athletics for the 2020-2021 school year.

Facility Rentals & After-School Events

- Due to COVID-19 and the impact on facility management, Hemphill ISD will not be renting school facilities.

Large-Group Gatherings & Special Event Announcements

- Hemphill ISD will avoid scheduling non-essential large group gatherings and events where adults and students must commingle or where students would be unnecessarily exposed to the virus in public places such as field trips, assemblies, dances, pep rallies, etc.

Social-Emotional Support/Mental Wellness

- Hemphill ISD counselors will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Counselors will develop strategies and support for students, families, and staff members.
- Counselors will develop a referral system for individuals who need targeted support as well as access to school-employed and community mental health professionals.

- 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.

Communication

- Hemphill ISD will continue to inform key stakeholders regularly while offering opportunities for feedback to help shape Hemphill ISD's plan moving forward.
- The district and campuses will communicate official HISD news using School Status for phone calls, text messages, emails, and will also post updates on the district website, e-newsletters, and social media accounts.

Hemphill ISD Athletic COVID-19 Plan of Action

This document is written in compliance with current CDC, National, State, UIL and Local guidelines and requirements, and will evolve according to any released updates.

Due to potential amendments to state guidelines, this document could be changed in the future

In-School Athletic Plan and Practice Plan-

1. Hemphill ISD will continue to follow all guidelines from UIL, county, state and national government entities.
2. Students who decide to attend school through the virtual platform will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities at HISD. Students must attend face to face instruction to participate in extracurricular activities and to be included in the athletic period. They must attend practice and workouts in order to participate in the program.
3. Entry/Exit Procedure- All staff and athletes will enter the designated area for pre-screening questions and temperature checks. Anyone with a temperature of 100+ degrees will be denied admittance. All persons must wear a mask once inside the entry area. Immediately upon completion of your workouts/practices, all participants must exit facilities through the designated exit area.
4. Mask/Face Covering- In compliance with Executive Order GA-29, all coaches and students will wear a mask or face covering at all times inside the building. We will wear masks or face coverings when outside unless the activity allows for 10 feet of social distancing between each participant or the athletes are actively engaged..
5. Sanitation/Disinfection- All staff and students are encouraged to utilize hand sanitizer upon entry to the athletic facilities. The weight room is disinfected by staff in between group usage and by custodial staff each day at the conclusion of workouts.
6. Water Plan- Students will not share water . Disposable cups are located near the water fountain and a water pipe is installed at the practice field.
7. Facility Access- Students will have access to showers after workouts prior to going inside the school building for class. The showers will be disinfected by staff in between athletic periods. The facilities will only be used by GISD staff and students during designated workout times.

Response to staff or students with exposure, symptoms or a positive test:

Exposure: We will ask anyone with direct close contact exposure to self quarantine for 14 days or provide a negative test result prior to participation on campus.

-Close Contact -

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Symptoms: All staff or students must be COVID-19 symptom free without medication for 72 hours in order to attend the facilities and participate.

COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following questions:

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 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

Screening Questionnaire Information

1. When asking individuals if they have symptoms for COVID-19, Garrison ISD athletics must only require the individual to provide a “Yes” or “No” to the overall statement that they are symptomatic for COVID-19, as opposed to asking the individual for specific symptom confirmation. School systems are not entitled to collect information during screening on the specific health information of an individual beyond that they are symptomatic.
2. Once it is determined that individuals who responded “Yes” to either of these questions have met the criteria for re-entry, Garrison ISD athletics must destroy those individuals’ responses.

Positive Test: 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 three days (72 hours) have 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 ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional’s note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.

Facility Mitigation

In response to a positive result, Hemphill ISD Athletics will close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.

Locker Room Procedures

All students and staff will be required to have their face mask or shield on at all times while dressing and changing. As soon as the athlete is dressed, they are required to go to designated “holding/waiting” areas or leave the facility. Each locker will be disinfected each day at the end of practice or contest prior to putting washed/disinfected equipment, clothing and gear back in it.

Laundry Procedures

All HISD issued equipment, clothing and gear will be washed/disinfected daily by HISD athletic staff at the conclusion of each practice session or contest, and it will be redistributed to the disinfected locker prior to the students arrival for the next practice session or game.

Restroom Procedures

Restrooms will be monitored and limited access to reduce traffic in these areas

Transportation Procedures

All staff and students will be required to wear a mask or shield during transportation to and from all practices and competitions, as well as using hand sanitizer loading and unloading.

Post Game Stadium/Gym Procedures

Staff and students will enter and exit competition areas using designated access points and flow of traffic. There will be no interaction permitted with any staff or students and the fans or family. Upon completion of games, staff and students will exit the competition areas and be dismissed using normal facility exit procedures.

Hemphill ISD Gym Procedures

Hemphill HS Main Gym has a 50% capacity of 100 and the Jr. High Gym has a 50% capacity of 100 for fans with new social distancing guidelines. These numbers will be communicated to our opponents and seating will be strictly limited and enforced. All spectators are expected to remain in their seat using 6 feet of social distancing between their group and other groups. We ask that you do not sit directly in front of or behind a group already seated. You will have to use designated entrances and exits for specific gyms.

Officials, Team, Coaches Entry/Exit will be done through a designated entrance with no access to fans/family.

Hemphill ISD Stadium Procedures

All spectators will be self screened for COVID-19 symptoms and may be refused entry if deemed necessary by admittance staff. An administrator from the visiting district should be readily available to assist with screening or admittance issues of visiting fans. The 50% capacity for visitor bleachers is 392, and 770 for the home bleachers. These numbers will be communicated to our opponents and seating will be strictly limited and enforced. We ask that you do not sit directly in front of or behind a group already seated. The capacity numbers will be adjusted weekly for student groups to be considered.

Hemphill fans traveling to away games will be mindful of the reduced capacities at our opponents facilities. To ensure yourself a seat, you should plan on arriving early. All districts are required to have policies and procedures in place when hosting competitions, and they may be different at each facility. Please be flexible and considerate of our hosts efforts to ensure a safe environment for all participants and spectators.

Hemphill ISD Student Athlete Tickets/ Public Tickets

Student Athletes will be offered 1 ticket. These tickets may be redeemed at the gate, the night of the game. These tickets may be used only if the sold tickets are not sold out.

The general public will be allowed presale tickets Monday thru Thursday. Any ticket that is not presold will be available for purchase the night of the game.

Student Groups not directly involved in the game or contest

Student groups such as marching bands, cheerleaders, drill teams, and other groups approved by the school district may attend and perform at games or contests in which they are not competing. Hemphill ISD will limit the number of participants to those essential to the performance.

1. These student groups should remain separate from the game or contest participants at all times. These student groups should avoid mixing with fans or non-group members throughout the game or contest.
2. Student groups are required to wear face coverings as described in Executive Order GA-29.
3. Hemphill ISD will limit the number of students and staff given access to the playing areas and ensure protocols for entering and exiting the playing areas are in place.
4. Fans and spectators should be located to provide at least 10 feet of distance from bands playing wind instruments from the stands.
5. These students should maintain appropriate distancing from game or contest participants at all times, including when on the sideline.

Concession Stands and Food Service

For games, contests, and events that will include concession stands or other food service, the following guidelines apply:

1. Staff, contractors, and volunteers involved in food service are required to wear face coverings as described in **Executive Order GA-29**.
2. Hemphill ISD concessions will only provide condiments or flatware upon request, and in single use, individually wrapped items.
3. Hemphill ISD concession will regularly clean and disinfect the food service counters and areas after each patron departs.
4. Hemphill ISD concessions will limit contact between the individuals involved in food service and patrons as much as possible.
5. Before each game, Hemphill ISD will follow the screening protocols described above to screen staff, contractors, and volunteers who will be involved in food service prior to events. These individuals should also self-screen as described in these screening protocols.

Press Box

Press Box seating should include social distancing of at least six feet between individuals when possible.

Visiting Teams and Participants

1. Visiting teams and participants are required to wear face coverings as described in Executive Order GA-29.
2. Hemphill ISD will designate a cleaned and disinfected area for teams to unload and load buses separate from fans, spectators, and other individuals not essential to the team or group.
3. Visiting team /group locker rooms should be cleaned and sanitized by Hemphill ISD before the visiting team arrives. Visiting teams/groups are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting equipment once it is unloaded. Schools should limit access to these facilities to only students and staff essential for the game, contest, or event.
4. Before each game, contest, or event, schools should follow the screening protocols described above to screen all staff members, contractors, volunteers, sports officials, contest judges, and any individuals otherwise involved in working the event. These individuals should also self-screen as described in these screening protocols.

Officials

Hemphill ISD will provide sports and contest officials an area to enter and exit separate from fans when possible. Officials should be provided a dressing and meeting area, if applicable, that has been cleaned and disinfected prior to their arrival.

Pregame/Postgame Meetings

1. Pregame or pre-event meetings between teams and/or sports and contest officials should be planned to allow appropriate distancing between individuals.
2. Pregame and post-game gestures of sportsmanship should be conducted between teams and sports and contest officials in ways planned to help reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19.
3. All participants should be provided with entry and exit plans for contest areas that maintain separation from non-participants and fans. Individuals not essential to the team or group should not be given access to contest areas, performance areas, courts, or fields at all before, during, or after contests and events.
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Post Game Interviews

Hemphill ISD will limit access to working media providing coverage of the event to ensure protocols are followed. Post-game interviews should be conducted while wearing face coverings and/or maintaining at least six feet of distance between the interviewer and individual being interviewed.