

# Return to School Guidelines

2020  
2021



Texas Education Agency  
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The Texas Education Agency  
is requiring all Texas public  
school districts to offer full,  
5-day, on-campus  
instruction.



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### 2020-2021 Learning Models

*On-Campus Instruction*

*Virtual Instruction*

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# On-Campus Instruction

- All students and staff will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms daily and individuals who show symptoms will be separated and sent home.
- The use of face coverings will be determined by health recommendations associated with three levels of community transmission: **substantial** (red/masks required), **moderate** (yellow/masks required) and **minimal** (green/masks optional). The Disease Activity Level will be updated and shared with families each week. *Students in Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will only wear masks in hallways, during arrival, dismissal, etc.*
- Class size will depend on the number of students who choose to participate in On-Campus Instruction. Desks or tables will be socially distanced as much as instructionally possible.

# On-Campus Instruction

- Student transitions will be staggered to limit the number of people in common areas (hallways, cafeterias, gyms, restrooms, etc.) at one time.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available and thorough hand washing will be encouraged.
- Staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible and have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces, as well as shared objects.
- Students requiring transportation will sit no more than two students per seat and are required to wear a face covering while on the bus.

# Virtual Instruction

- Based upon the guidance from the State, Virtual Instruction will require a higher level of rigor, workload and time commitment from the remote learning that occurred in the spring of 2020.
- Virtual Instruction will require support from adults at home and within the online classroom environment.
- Virtual Instruction follows the schedule of classes at the student's home campus (secondary) or daily time expectations per content area (elementary).
- Virtual Instruction requires students to participate in both asynchronous (online without real-time interaction) and synchronous (real-time) online learning opportunities.

# Virtual Instruction

- Each day, students will engage in daily lessons, activities and assignments in all classes in order to be marked present for the day.
- Grading for all Virtual Instruction courses will follow the same grading policy as the courses in the on-campus model.
- Due to the rigor and participation expectations of Virtual Instruction, each student will likely need their own device and access to high-speed internet at home.
- Students who participate in Virtual Instruction will have access to “grab and go” meals and extracurricular opportunities.

# Commitment Form

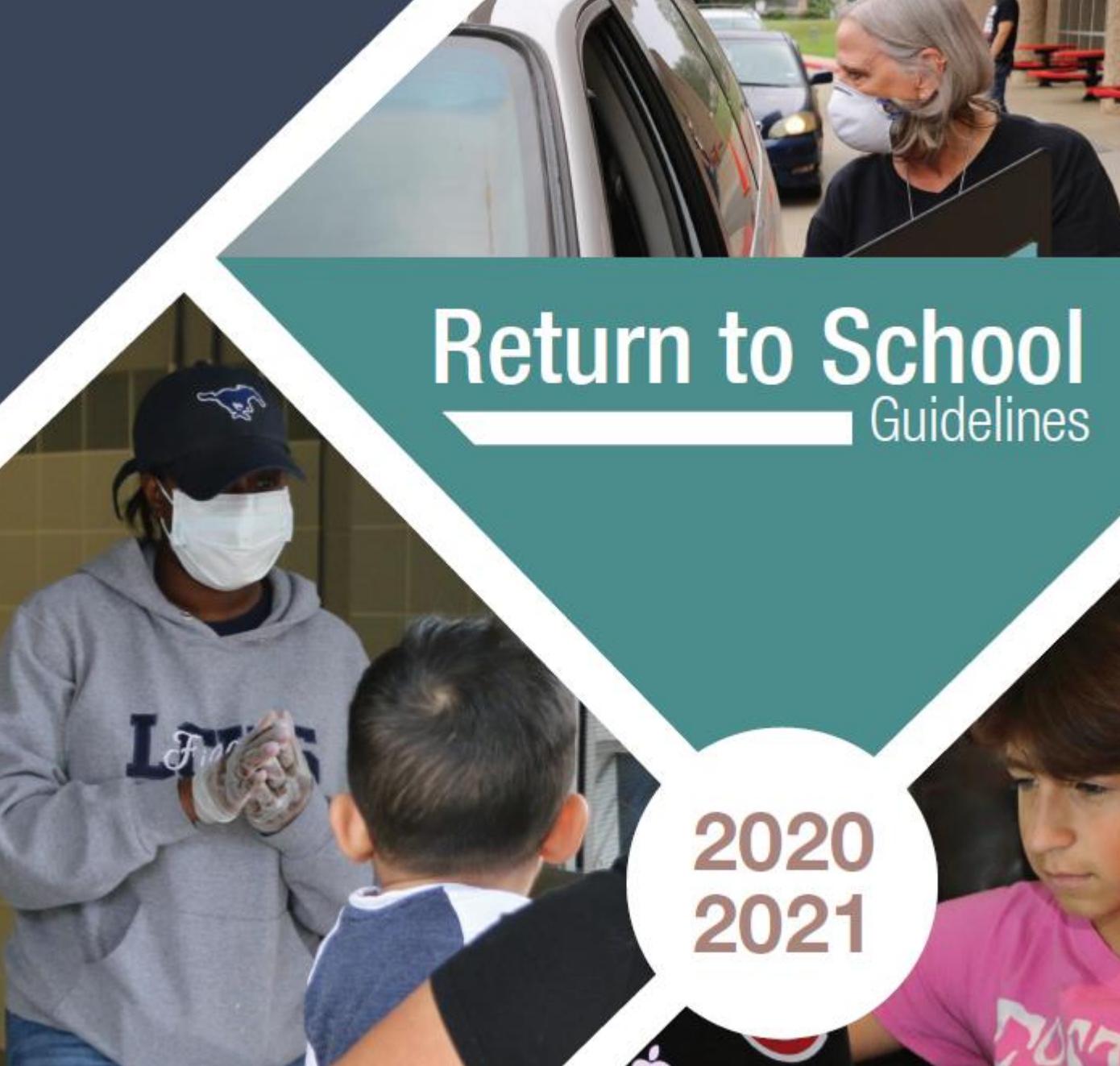
- Parents will select the option they prefer for each child—On-Campus or Virtual Instruction.
- The Commitment Form will be available in Skyward Family Access for parents to complete.
- The Commitment Form must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday August 9.
- Virtual Instruction is an opt-in learning model. If the District does not receive a form by August 9, it will be automatically assumed the student will attend On-Campus Instruction.
- Parents will have the option to change learning models at each grading period transition.

# Campus Staff

- All campus staff, including those teaching virtually will be required to report to their campus each day.
- Teacher assignments (On-Campus or Virtual) will be based on student needs from the Commitment Forms.
- All teachers will be cross trained in Virtual Instruction to ensure educational continuity if a campus has to pivot to 100% virtual due to an outbreak/shut down.

# Next Steps

- Plans are in place to share these overview details, along with the detailed support documents with parents tomorrow.
- The Lamar CISD Transition Team, along with sub-committees are finalizing day-to-day logistics associated with these overarching guidelines.
- It's important for us to realize there is no perfect plan and we all need to expect to be flexible as we continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19 together.
- We believe these guidelines address the directives from the State while allowing us to be responsive to the needs of our students, staff and families.



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