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## Fort Bend County Health & Human Services

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Fort Bend Area Superintendents,

The health and safety of Fort Bend County residents, especially our children and seniors, is our first priority.

As the Health Authority for Fort Bend County, it is my sworn duty to take action to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. This duty is based on Chapters 121, 122, and 341 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The suspension of these duties has been lifted temporarily by granting of a Temporary Restraining Order on August 11, 2021. As a result, effective at 11:59PM today, August 12, 2021, in order to mitigate the risks associated with the significant and sustained transmission of COVID-19 in Fort Bend County, it is now necessary that all students over the age of 2 years old, educators and school staff, and all visitors to school campuses and district facilities, wear face coverings while indoors or while in proximity closer than 3 feet where possible. It is also immediately necessary that campuses make every reasonable effort to establish physical distancing of 3-6 feet between all students, staff, parents and visitors.

We continue to strongly recommend the vaccination for all eligible and medically able students and staff as the most effective way of mitigating the spread of the virus, and will support you with all available studies and medically verified data to aid in this effort.

It is our sincere desire to provide you with the appropriate support in protecting our children, staff, and families as in-person education resumes. To reiterate, this continues to include recommending:

- Physical distancing of at least 3-6 feet where possible;
- Wearing face coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth;
- Frequent handwashing and sanitizing practices among staff and students;
- Assignment of a COVID Point of Contact for the Health Department. The Point of Contact/ Reporting System should immediately notify FBC HHS of all identified cases within the ISD's jurisdiction. A dedicated epidemiologist has been assigned to each school district to facilitate the reporting process; and
- A school testing and contact tracing plan to allow better coordination of services when a case is identified on a campus.

Together we will continue to do all that we can for the safety and protection of our children, staff, families, and communities. I am thankful for your continued partnership in this effort.

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