



REOPENING
HANDBOOK
HEALTH + SAFETY PLAN

Dear Beta Family,

We are eagerly anticipating an exciting new school year at Beta Academy and are committed to the safety of our scholars, teachers, and parents during this reopening. This handbook communicates the Beta Academy *Health + Safety Plan* which has been developed based on the guidelines from the Texas Education Agency, as well as local, state, and federal authorities.

This handbook will provide guidelines on health practices, school day operations, and instructional guidelines at Beta Academy. Focus is being placed on health and hygiene practices, cleaning, and ongoing training for best health practices for our scholars and staff.

Finally, please know the Beta staff stands ready and willing to serve, teach, cheer, and champion every single Beta scholar this year!

Thank you,



Latisha Andrews, Founder, CEO & Superintendent



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HEALTH



PROTOCOLS



HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Beta Academy continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and receives regular guidance from Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath and other local, state and federal agencies regarding response, prevention and mitigation efforts. This direction will continue to evolve based on COVID-19 conditions across the state and our local community. We will educate our students, staff, and community members about the importance of frequent hand washing; covering a cough or sneeze; not touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth; staying home when sick; and other measures to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases. Beta Academy Custodial Services will continue to routinely clean and disinfect all facilities, including cleaning frequently touched objects and surfaces with approved germicidal agents which are effective against multiple disease-causing viruses and bacteria.

COVID-19 Daily Recommended Self-Screening

All scholars, staff, and parents will be responsible to self-screen daily prior to entering Beta facilities. Parents/Guardians can help by keeping children home who are sick. If a child has COVID-19 symptoms, the child cannot return to school until at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc.).

Face Coverings

Face coverings will not be required and will be optional for staff and scholars.

Temperature Checks

Daily temperature checks of all students at school will not be performed; however, each campus has been provided no-touch infrared thermometers for screening symptomatic students and staff.

Certified Nursing Assistant

There is one Certified Nursing Assistant assigned to monitor Beta Academy campuses.

Response to COVID-19 Cases

Beta Academy staff will initiate the campus Isolation Plan in the event of a suspected COVID-19 case on campus. (see pg. 12) In working with district and current health recommendations from TEA and CDC, a course of action will be determined.

SCHOOL DAY



OPERATIONS



SCHOOL DAY OPERATIONS

Campus Cleaning

- Campuses will be cleaned throughout the instructional day with special attention to frequently used areas including, but not limited to, door handles, cafeteria tables and bathrooms.
- Classrooms will be equipped for cleaning between transitions of students.
- Additional cleaning will occur at each campus in the evenings.
- UV lights are available and used overnight for classrooms that potentially have a high exposure.

Meal Service

- Cafeteria and serving areas will be cleaned as students transition.
- When reporting to the cafeteria for lunch, students will be released on a staggered schedule.



SCHOOL DAY OPERATIONS

Beta Academy Calendar

The district plans to utilize the Board approved calendar for this school year; however, depending on the circumstances, the district is prepared to modify the calendar as needed. Communication through our email and text message system will be provided if a calendar change is required.

Recess/Outdoor Time

Outdoor play and learning will be encouraged.

Visitors/Deliveries/Miscellaneous

- To limit exposure, informal campus visits will be restricted (including during meal time).
- Essential meetings will be by appointment or a virtual format.

Extracurricular/Non-Academic Activities

- Athletics, Fine Arts and other extra curricular activities will be conducted following school COVID-19 guidelines at the time of the activity.
- Outdoor gatherings must be in compliance with current state social distancing guidelines.
- Any student social activities (i.e. dances, celebrations) must be conducted in compliance with current state social distancing guidelines at the time of the event.
- Hand washing and/or hand sanitizer must be available for any activity.

INSTRUCTIONAL



GUIDELINES



INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDELINES

Beta will be offering only in-person classes.

Grading

Grading policies are available in the Parent-Scholar Handbook posted online.

Special Programs

Students in specialized programs, including but not limited to: special education, 504, Dyslexia, ELL, CTE, and Dual Credit will receive information related to their program once individualized plans are finalized. Individual education plans, accommodations, and modifications will be followed. Progress will be carefully monitored and the ARD Committee may re-convene to make appropriate recommendations to meet individual student needs to ensure continued growth in the general education curriculum and on IEP goals and objectives.

SUPPORTING



DOCUMENTS



COVID PROTOCOL LINKS

TEA GUIDANCE

TEA provides guidance for all school districts within Texas that is routinely updated based on the latest information released from the CDC in addition to guidance from Texas Governor Greg Abbott and other local, state, and federal agencies. The information we receive is ever changing as we learn more about COVID-19; therefore, to receive the most accurate and timely information, we are providing a direct link to the COVID-19 page on the TEA website.

TEA COVID-19 Page:

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>



Student Isolation Plan

- Symptomatic students will be required to apply a face covering and report to the designated isolation area for further evaluation.
- The ill student will remain isolated with assigned designated staff member to be monitored until parent/ guardian arrives for student pick up.
- Monitoring staff member must perform hand hygiene and wear PPE for the duration of the isolation period.
- Campus administrators will immediately notify both District & School Operations departments and will follow their guidance.
- After students and staff are removed from the isolation area, it will be sanitized using approved germicidal agents by Beta Academy custodial staff wearing appropriate PPE.



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