



Kaufer Early College High School

2020-2021 Campus Extra-Curricular

Activity Plan

OVERVIEW

The health and safety of our student-athletes, staff and community is our top priority and the following plan is based on what is currently known about COVID-19, and the measures necessary to prevent exposure to the virus. We will update our plan as additional information is provided to us by the State of Texas, Kleberg County, UIL, and Riviera ISD.

Outlined in this plan will be most importantly mitigation guidelines from UIL and TEA for our staff and student/athletes regarding practice, transportation, game, competition, fan attendance, event management as well as information regarding eligibility for face-to-face and virtual learners.

Eligibility

There has been a change in eligibility requirements for the 2020-2021 school year by the UIL. High school students who have accumulated at least 2 and a half credits since the start of the 2019-2020 school year will be eligible for the first six weeks. Incoming high school students must have been promoted to high school. After the first six weeks, grades will be monitored for eligibility. At Riviera ISD, student/athletes that choose remote learning ***will not be*** eligible for extracurricular activities. Student/athletes must be ***in school*** in our face to face program, in good standing at the grading check point periods, and meet residency and age requirements to be eligible.

Mitigation

1. **Face Coverings:** According to Executive Order GA-29, face coverings (non-medical grade disposable, cloth face coverings over the nose and mouth or full-face shields) must be worn upon entry and must be worn when students are not actively practicing or exercising. Applicable exceptions include:

- A. Any person that has a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
- B. While a person is consuming food or drink;
- C. When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social distancing
- D. Any other reason or circumstance indicated under Executive Order GA-29.

All employees and, parents, visitors and students ten years of age or older must wear face coverings or face shields upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in a contest unless a exception listed above applies.

2. Screening:

- A. Riviera ISD staff members will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in UIL activities or entering into areas where UIL activities are being conducted. Symptoms are listed at the end of this document. The self-screening will include staff taking their own temperature. Staff must report to the school if themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and if so, must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below. Additionally, they must report to the school if they had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and if so, **must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted as outlined below in this document.** Close contact is defined in this document below.
- B. Parents must ensure they **do not** send a student to participate in UIL activities if the student has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 until the below conditions for re-entry are met. Riviera ISD will screen students by asking questions by electronic methods and or in person. The screening will include the student's parent if that parent will be picking up and dropping off from inside the areas where UIL activities are being conducted.

Mitigation Continued

- C. Before visitors are allowed access to areas where UIL activities are being conducted, according to UIL, Riviera ISD **must screen** all visitors for symptoms of COVID-19 (as listed in this document) or whether they are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, and if so, must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted until the 14-day incubation period has passed. Close contact is defined in this document below. Additionally, Riviera ISD must screen to determine if visitors have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, as defined at the end of this document, and if so, must remain off campus and away from areas where UIL activities are being conducted **as outlined in this document**. Close contact is defined in this document below.
- D. Riviera ISD is permitted to prevent any individual who fails the screening criteria from being admitted into the school facilities or sites where UIL activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry as described below. Any individual for whom screening cannot be confirmed should be presumed symptomatic until confirmed otherwise.
- E. According to UIL regulations, Riviera ISD must require individuals to answer an overall statement regarding being symptomatic or not to students/parents. When an individual has a recorded “yes” and later have met the requirements of re-entry, schools **must** destroy those responses.
- F. On December 2, 2020, the **CDC** has amended their guidance for the stay at home period for individuals whom came into close contact (as defined by CDC) that experience no Covid-19 symptoms. Students and staff and visitors may return to work or to UIL activities according to the following:

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.

COVID-19 Cases – Riviera ISD will take all safety precautions and follow TEA Guidance as described below.

TEA Guidance on Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19:

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

1. *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) 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) obtain an acute 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.*

Close Contact

This document refers to "close contact" with an individual who is lab-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:

- *being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or*
- *being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; 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 lab-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming lab test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming lab test.

Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School or in an Area Where UIL Activities Are being Conducted

1. *If an individual who has been in areas where UIL activities have been conducted 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 7 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 UIL activities. If the person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 participated in a contest against another school(s), the school must notify other school(s) and sports/contest officials involved in the contest.*

COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following question: 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*
- *Fatigue*
- *Headache*
- *Chills*
- *Sore throat*
- *Congestion or runny nose*
- *Shaking or exaggerated shivering*
- *Significant muscle pain or ache*
- *Diarrhea*
- *Nausea or vomiting*

Locker Rooms, Band Halls

1. Riviera ISD will make hand sanitizer and disinfectant readily available in these areas.
2. Riviera ISD locker rooms (all) and Band Hall will be cleaned and sanitized regularly. Regularly touched surfaces will be sanitized on a daily basis by the Riviera ISD staff. Doorknobs, tables, chairs, lockers and restrooms will be disinfected daily prior to students entering each day.
3. **Any equipment** used by students and kept at school **will be** cleaned and disinfected before use each day prior to students having access to it.
4. Riviera ISD will identify staff whom will monitor locker rooms and other areas where students may congregate to ensure protocols are followed. When possible doors and windows will be opened to improve airflow by allowing outside air circulate into these areas.
5. Riviera ISD **will require** staff and students to wear face coverings while inside locker rooms, meeting rooms, training rooms, the Band Hall, and other areas where students may congregate other than the showers facilities. Students that must use locker rooms will spaced to the best of our ability to maintain best distancing practices in that environment. Again, masks will be required
6. Practice uniforms, game uniforms, towels will be laundered on-site (unless uniforms are issued and otherwise and laundered at home). These laundered items will be numbered and placed on a laundry belt assigned to each student and will be distributed to the student's locker prior to the next practice by Riviera ISD staff.

Practice and Rehearsal

1. Practice surfaces must be thoroughly disinfected throughout and at the end of the day.
2. Any practice equipment will be regularly disinfected before, during and after practice sessions.
Example: Football lockers, chairs, helmets, shoulder pads, shoes and equipment such as balls, dummies and blocking sleds will be sanitized daily. Locker room doors, restrooms and shower facilities as well as coaches' offices. All Volleyball/Basketball equipment will be sanitized daily including the gym floor and the wall mats located on the east and west sides of the HS gym and on the north and south sides of the Middle School Gym.
3. In accordance with UIL rules, Riviera ISD may provide food, water, or other drinks. Food and water will not be shared among staff and students.
4. Students and staff will be asked to bring their own water bottle with water or to be filled on site by gloved Riviera ISD Staff.
5. If a student begins to experience symptoms during or before practices:
 - A. If outside, student will remove gear outside and it will be placed in an equipment bag to be disinfected. The coach will call parents and Principal, and School Nurse immediately. The student's personal items will be disinfected, bagged and returned. All locker room areas will be disinfected prior to students returning.
 - B. Inside (locker room/band hall) will be treated the same as the classroom is. The Head Coach will move the athlete outside. The Head Coach will then see to it that the parents are called in addition to the Principal, and School Nurse. The student will be picked up by the parents.
 - C. If students display symptoms on a trip, that student will be isolated and accompanied by a staff member and parents will be called immediately. Gear will be collected as in A and B above. The student will stay in the staff member's care until parents arrive. If the parents are not present, they will be asked to pick up the student on site.

Game, Competition/Event Management

Transportation

1. Riviera ISD will follow TEA guidance in regards to transportation.
2. Students and staff are to wear face coverings as described in Executive Order GA-29. Riviera ISD Staff will monitor students on trips to ensure mitigation protocols are followed.
3. Buses will be disinfected prior to students boarding.
4. Buses will have hand sanitizer and student/athletes will use it prior to taking their seat each time the bus is boarded.

Hosting Competitions and Games

1. Riviera ISD will designate a cleaned area for visiting teams to unload and load buses separate from fans, spectators non-essential to the team. ***Parking Areas Volleyball, Basketball will be at the front entry of the gym on the west side of the HS Gym. Dressing room for visiting volleyball teams will be on the labeled PE side of the girls dressing facility. Visiting football teams and band will unload on the southeast side of Artie De La Rosa Field and dress in the visiting side locker room. They will enter and exit the southeast double gates. After unloading next to the field dressing area buses must move behind the field house area to allow for the ambulance service to have access to the field through the double gates of the field. The area inside the fieldhouse gates are off limits to anyone other than Riviera Staff, student/athletes and officials. Basketball visitors will park on the northeast side of the parking lot (student parking) of the gym closest to the black fence. Their locker rooms will be the boys' and girls' PE locker rooms in their respective facilities. Visiting baseball and softball cross country and track teams will park in the parking lot south of the baseball field (left field).***
2. Visiting team locker rooms, press box areas and score tables will be cleaned and disinfected by Riviera ISD Staff before the visitors arrive. Visiting teams are responsible for disinfecting equipment once it is unloaded. Riviera ISD will limit access to these areas to only students and staff essential to the game, contest or event.
3. Before each game, contest or event, Riviera ISD will follow the screening protocols described above to self-screen all staff members, contractors, volunteers, sports officials, contest judges, and any other individuals otherwise involved in working the event. These individuals should also self-screen as described in the screening protocols.
4. Fan spectator areas and walkways at Riviera ISD hosted events will be at least six feet from performance areas. Where distancing is not feasible, physical barriers, face coverings and other risk mitigating efforts available to Riviera ISD.
5. Visiting teams will be asked to provide their own water and bottles.

Hosting Competitions and Games continued

6. Sports officials and contest judges will be provided an area to enter and exit away from fans. Officials will be provided a dressing and meeting area. The area will be cleaned and disinfected before and after their arrival. ***For Football the officials will be given the Coaches Office/Equipment area to dress and meet. They will park inside the Field House gate along the west chain link fence by the Field House gate. Volleyball/Basketball officials will park in the student parking east of the HS gym and enter and exit the Northeast gym door by the weight room. They will have access to the Men's and or Women's Coaches offices to dress and meet. Baseball and Softball will be allowed access to the Field house locker rooms if needed. Game participants will exit their respective gates (All softball players enter the north double gates in the right field area). Visiting baseball players will exit the double gates in Left Field. Riviera baseball players will exit the North gates on the home side after all spectators have left the seating areas and courtyard areas.***
7. All participants and staff will be provided an entry and exit separate from fans and non-participants of the game or contest. ***Volleyball/Basketball will enter and exit the Northeast HS Gym doors by the weight room. Football*** Individuals not essential to the game or contests will not be given access to contest areas before, during or after these contests.
8. Student groups approved by Riviera ISD such as Band Cheer and drill teams may attend and perform. These groups should remain separate from the game or contest participants at all times. These students should avoid mixing with fans or non-group members throughout the game or contest. Student groups are required to wear face coverings as described in **Executive Order GA-29**
9. Fans and spectators should be located no closer than 10 feet from the band.

Spectators Fans and Media

According to UIL regulations, Riviera ISD may allow spectators to attend games, contests or events within a 50 % capacity limitation provided that appropriate spacing between spectators is maintained according to protocol.

1. Riviera ISD will post visible signs at the entrance of the HS Gym and Football Field stating that individuals who are confirmed to have, suspected of having, are experiencing symptoms of, or have been in close contact with and individual that has been confirmed to have COVID-19 should not enter the facility.
2. Spectators, fans, audiences, and media are required to wear face coverings as described in **Executive Order GA-29**
3. With attendance at contests limited to 50% capacity, we encourage each family of our student-athletes to allow only immediate family to games and contests. Students will be given 2 of tickets to ensure we are following protocol. This will be done for all teams participating.
4. Groups are defined as no more than 10 people including members of a household and those persons who travel together to the facility. Groups should maintain 6 feet of distance from other groups at all times including in the process of admission and seating.
5. Riviera ISD will not allow seating in consecutive rows and will block off seating to maintain a distance of six feet.
6. Pathways for entrance and exit will be clearly marked.
7. Riviera ISD will provide hand sanitizer at entrances.
8. Seating, hand rails, restrooms will be sanitized/disinfected prior to each event
9. Post-game interviews should be conducted while wearing face coverings and maintaining six feet of distancing.

Concession and Food Service

1. Staff, and volunteers involved in foodservice are required to wear face coverings in accordance with **Executive Order GA-29**.
2. Riviera ISD will avoid leaving condiments, silverware, flatware, glassware, or other traditional table top items on unoccupied tables or at the counter. Only upon request will these items be provided and will be individually wrapped.
3. Riviera ISD will ensure that table and service counter tops are regularly disinfected as each patron departs.
4. Contact between patrons and food service providers should be limited. Follow all food-handling protocols.
5. Before each game, contractors, staff and volunteers all must self-screen as described in the screen protocols listed in this document. The district will screen as well as listed.