



Home of the New Braunfels Unicorns!

NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

New Braunfels ISD School Health Advisory Council
Wednesday November 18, 2020 8:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93974996839>

[Link to Agenda](#)

Please sign into the chat with your name and campus or organization you represent.

Present: Kelsey Boyd, Emily Briggs, Natalie Lillibridge, Boyd Baxter, Brittany Rodriguez, Clay Gillentine, Dave Heefner, Erin Neuse, Grace Masias, Gretchen McLain, Jennifer Ford (Co-Chair), Kelsey Fuller, Keri Rodgers, Kim Hensley, Kristi Ellis, Laura Dietert,, Lesli Burk, Melissa Leos, Melissa Powell, Rachel Hall, Shaylyn Hoffman, Susan Belanger, Vickie Reyes.

- 1) Welcome and Introductions (if an NBISD employee, please register in [Eduphoria](#).)
- 2) COVID-19 and School: Karen Schwind and Melissa Leos
 - a) District Dashboard
<https://sites.google.com/nbisd.org/nbisdscovid-19dashboard/district-dashboard>
 - b) Karen shared the guidelines on how school nurses have been tabulating our covid case counts. Dr Briggs spoke about the spread of the virus when you're in a class with orating or singing. The mask definitely helps prevent the spread of the virus but it's not 100% effective!
 - c) Comal County Dashboard:11/17/20. 64 new cases, [positivity rate](#) up from 10.423% - 12.41%
<https://cceo.org/arcgispor/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/1b1139fe37fd4b6fba9494b47d5672dc>
 - d) Comal County Website:
https://www.co.comal.tx.us/Public%20Health/Emergency_Preparedness/EP.htm
- 3) TSHAC Texas School Health Advisory Council.. Karen Schwind RN rep to Texas SHAC.
 - a) <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/schoolhealth/shadvise/>
 - b) <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/schoolhealth/shadviseresources.shtm>
- 4) Child Nutrition Department updates: Ashley West (not present, will postpone report until next meeting)
 - a) Introduction: Bill Hathaway
 - b) Weekend Meal Program
- 5) Texas Agrilife: Rachel Hall
 - a) Update, school gardens- Gardens should be ready for harvest. Time to get everything ready to plant spring gardens.

- b) Connie Sheppard will be in charge of handwashing clinics starting up in January.
You can email her at connie.sheppard@ag.tamu.edu
- c) Youth Gardens Resources Page <http://counties.agrilife.org/comal/youthgardens/>
- 6) TEA request for comment: regarding PE TEKS request for comment ended 11/13/20.
Today's the day to vote! https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/20_09_115.pdf
- 7) ***Don't share your air*** CDC is strongly discouraging holiday gatherings with members outside of the household. "Don't share your air!" A consideration for families who choose to travel or have gatherings is to institute a voluntary or involuntary quarantine. This would apply for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays. It could provide an additional layer of protection for schools.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>
- 8) Dr Briggs encouraged everyone to get the information out on preventing the spread of illness during our holiday gatherings, ie wearing masks, outside gatherings if possible, families that live together eating at the same table. Takes approximately two weeks for the positivity rate to go up after a holiday.
- 9) Clay Gillentine shared about the risks of elementary students using the playground equipment. If the positivity rate goes below 5% they will reevaluate this decision.
- 10) Boyd Baxter with Comal County Community Coalition shared about policies and legislation now in effect that is currently working on the legalization of marijuana. They are expecting some bills to be passed in March-April. Possibly will be looking for volunteers to speak in Austin during the Legislative session.
- 11) Schedule of meetings: 8:30 am January 27, 2021 and April 28, 2021

Resources:

- TEA reporting data: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/schools/texas-education-agency/>

School Reported COVID-19 Cases in Texas Public Schools

Cumulative positive student cases

3,720

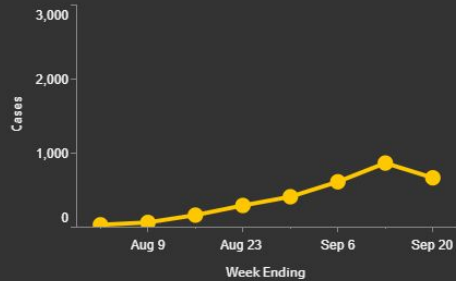
Cumulative positive staff cases

3,053

New Weekly COVID-19 positive student cases



New Weekly COVID-19 positive staff cases



1,101,065

Estimated students on campus during first week of school

800,078

2019-2020 Staff Count

On-campus case counts were only reported for weeks in which students were receiving on-campus instruction and activities. Follow this link to see the distribution of start dates across Texas public school systems.

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Texas-Public-School-Start-Dates.pdf>

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School Reported COVID-19 Cases in Texas Public Schools

Cumulative positive student cases

24,439

Cumulative positive staff cases

14,852

New Weekly COVID-19 positive student cases



New Weekly COVID-19 positive staff cases



2,136,847

Estimated students on campus as of September 28, 2020

800,078

2019-2020 Staff Count

11/17/20