



Maifest 2021 COVID-19 Safety Plan

To mitigate the risk of COVID-19 spreading at Maifest, the attached plan has been adapted from the *Brenham ISD Reopening Plan*. These guidelines are crucial for the safety of the children and volunteers that make the Brenham Maifest a cherished tradition. The key to a safe and successful 2021 Maifest is everyone's commitment to the following health and safety guidelines.

Maifest is far more than Coronation in May and includes countless hours of volunteers working in close quarters with one another. Maifest Functions, for the purpose of this plan, include any group of Participants planning, designing, creating, preparing, practicing, or any other Maifest related activity beginning with Maifest Serenade on January 17, 2021, and ending at the conclusion of Senior Coronation on May 8, 2021.

Maifest has chosen to follow the same isolation protocols and general guidelines as Brenham ISD. In short, should a participant be required to isolate from Brenham ISD activities, that person is also not allowed at Maifest Functions until the isolation period has ended.

Frequent hand sanitizing and masks will be required for all participants at indoor activities. If outdoors and unable to maintain 6' of social distancing, masks will also be required. When in doubt, wear a mask so please use this opportunity to Maifest your mask! As much as possible, Maifest preparations and practices will be hosted outdoors.

All costumes will incorporate masks. Though Maifest will work to reduce the capacity of parade floats, masks will generally be required during the parade for participants on the floats and strongly encouraged for guests lining the parade route. During Coronation weekend, all participants and guests will wear a mask while within the friendly confines of the baseball stadium. During the children's introduction and presentation at Coronation, the mask may be removed to capture that award-winning smile! The bowing stage will be sectioned off to allow each participant to enter, remove his/her mask, take a bow, and replace the mask.

Live performances by bands, singers, and/or speakers will be positioned at a safe distance for both the performer and the guests. Guests are encouraged to sit with their family bubbles and leave space between family groups. Event videos will also be posted to social media to allow remote viewing for those uncomfortable with attending in person.

This plan is subject to revision based on the level of the pandemic, along with local and national protocols and laws.

Join us in ensuring Maifest 2021 does not become a super spreader event. We want to celebrate this community in a healthy and responsible way.

Public Health Considerations

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages, and Brenham Maifest is doing everything possible to keep children, volunteers, their families, and our community safe. That said, research from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19 and some severe outcomes have been reported in children, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized or have severe symptoms.

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps groups can take to reduce the risks to students, volunteers, and their families significantly. This guidance document contains information on four sets of practices that minimize the likelihood of viral spread:

- **PROVIDE NOTICE:** Requirements for parental and public notices
- **PREVENT:** Required practices to prevent the virus from entering Maifest
- **RESPOND:** Required practices to respond to a lab-confirmed case in Maifest
- **MITIGATE:** Recommended and required practices to reduce likely spread inside Maifest

PROVIDE NOTICE: Requirements for parental and public notices	
Maifest Board	The Maifest Board is responsible for planning for and responding to COVID-19 concerns. The Board is committed to supporting our community with open and honest communication that will allow parents, students, and volunteers to make the best decisions for their involvement in Maifest 2021. Our goal is to provide the safest experience for all participants.
Notification of Confirmed Cases	If a positive case is identified for a participant (student or volunteer), the Board will identify and individually notify any individuals who had regular or close contact with the affected participant. This may include the entire performance group (students, parents, volunteers). These individuals will be required to satisfy the quarantine criteria described in this plan before returning to a Maifest Function. The Board is responsible for determining the appropriate Response Stage (see end of document) and specific responses.
PREVENT: Required practices to prevent the virus	
Screening Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Adults will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms, including temperature check prior to attending a Maifest function.● Parents/Guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to a function.● Adults will monitor student health and refer students to their parent/guardian if symptoms are present.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants are encouraged to be tested weekly, regardless of contact risk.
<p>COVID-19 Symptoms Include</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing • Chills or repeated shaking with chills • Muscle pain • Headache • Fatigue • Sore throat • Congestion or runny nose • Nausea or vomiting • Loss of taste or smell • Diarrhea • Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit
<p>Definition of Close Contact</p>	<p>This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is test-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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or b. being within 6 feet for a largely uninterrupted or sustained extended contact period throughout the course of a day of approximately 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. <p>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 test-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming test.</p>
<p>Maifest Functions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functions will continue to be offered consistent with the guidance in this document and with the guidance found on the BISD website for all BISD activities. • Assemblies and other activities that bring large groupings of students and/or teachers and staff together will be modified to comply with guidance in this document.

RESPOND: Required practices to respond to a lab-confirmed case	
Individuals not allowed to attend Maifest Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students or volunteers are unable to attend Maifest Functions if they have or have had in the last 10 days, any of the above COVID-19 symptoms without a current medical note indicating that the condition is not a COVID-19 related illness. • Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 until criteria to end isolation has been met. • Any individual that has had close contact with someone who is a confirmed COVID-19 case should stay at home and should not be allowed to join a Function until the criteria to return has been met. • Anyone who is awaiting COVID-19 testing results and has not met the criteria to end isolation. • In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19 and may not return to a Maifest Function until the individual has completed the criteria to return as described in this plan.
Criteria to Return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any individual that is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 that does not have symptoms is not allowed in a Function for 10-days from the date of the test. • Any individual that is not having symptoms but has had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case is not allowed in a Function and can return to a Function by satisfying either criteria listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10 days after the last close contact, so long as they continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms and take appropriate mitigating precautions (provided in this guidance) through the 14th day from the last close contact with a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case. o 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 mitigating precautions (provided in this guidance) through the 14th day from the last close contact with a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case. • Any individual that is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 and experiences symptoms OR any

	<p>individual that has had close contact with someone who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 and develops symptoms OR any 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) should stay at home and should not be allowed in a Function until the following criteria is met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. o At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. o The individual has improvement in symptoms. • An individual who is considered to be in Close Contact with someone who has a current positive COVID-19 diagnosis will not have to quarantine if he or she meets BOTH of the following criteria: 1.) has no symptoms of COVID-19 AND 2.) has a positive COVID-19 test dated within the last 90 days of the exposure to the individual that has a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. • If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to a Function 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 a physician's office, approved testing location, or other site) that comes back negative for COVID-19, and will need a medical clearance to return to a Function.
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MITIGATE:
Practices to Mitigate the Likelihood of COVID-19 Spread Inside Maifest

<p>Hand Sanitizing Protocols</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizer will be available. • Participants will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands. • Frequent reminders to wash or sanitize hands will be provided during the day, including after using the restroom and before eating.
<p>Face Covering Protocols (per the executive order concerning face coverings)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants must wear a face covering while at any indoor Maifest Function • When social distancing is not possible outdoors, all participants must wear a face covering. Please refer to the below guidelines for requirements during General Functions or specific Maifest activities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those that have a medical reason to not wear a face mask will be required to wear a face shield.
Working Environment Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work desks or tables will be socially distanced as much as possible.
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants are encouraged to bring water bottles from home. • Students will also be provided individual water during outdoor practices the week of Maifest.
General Functions, including but not limited to: Barn Nights, Practices, Coronation set-up/tear down, Costume making, Flower Parties, or any other group activities not specifically Maifest Serenade, Coronation, or Parade (see below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students, staff, and visitors must wear face coverings when entering and exiting facilities and meeting/practice areas. • Indoor activities, practices, and meetings can be conducted up to a maximum of 50% capacity. • Participants will refrain from having contact with individuals in other working/meeting groups and will actively monitor for compliance during sessions. • Participants need to consider grouping and distancing when preparing • Preparations, practices, and meetings should mitigate risk and allow for efficient contact tracing should COVID-19 exposure occur. • Preparations, rehearsals, and meetings should be spaced to allow for at least ten feet of distance between participants in all directions. Some activities may require more than ten feet of distance. • Hand sanitizer will be readily available in the area. Participants are encouraged to use it frequently. • Appropriate clothing/shoes will be worn at all times to minimize sweat from transmitting onto equipment/surfaces. Participants will provide their own appropriate clothing (do not share clothing). • No clothing or towels may be laundered on site or shared during Maifest Functions. • All participants must bring their own water in a sufficient amount to remain hydrated throughout the planned activities. Water bottles must not be shared. • There can be no shared food. Shared is defined as anything that is not in an individually sealed container.
Maifest Serenade, Coronation, and Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants must wear a mask if within 6' of another participant. • All visitors/guests are strongly encouraged to wear a mask while enjoying the festivities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parade floats will be loaded at a reduced capacity to allow masks to be removed if 6' of social distancing is achieved. Generally speaking, parade float participants will need to wear a mask.• The main stage will be divided such that individuals may be introduced while maintaining social distancing to allow the mask to be removed.• During live performances, the microphone shall be placed to ensure adequate distancing.• Guests are encouraged to remain within their COVID bubble while wearing a mask.
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COVID-19 STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL



Prevention

No confirmed cases of COVID-19 among staff or students

- Health prevention measures are in place including masks and social distancing
 - Limited visitor access
 - Monitoring virus trends in the community via local health authorities
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Mitigation

One or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in one group

- Persons who came in close contact of an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be contacted and advised to follow CDC health guidelines
 - Affected area is closed for deep cleaning
 - A short-term closure of the group may be necessary
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Modified Operations

- Individuals in that group will be advised to self-quarantine per CDC guidelines
 - Participants impacted move to a remote support model
 - Affected area is closed for deep cleaning
 - Self-health monitoring, prevention information, stay home if ill, and communication to all persons
 - A short-term closure of the group may be necessary
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Extreme Modifications

Surge in suspected/confirmed COVID-19 cases in Maifest

- Entire group and activities will be closed for a minimum of two days
 - Those in close contact of the confirmed COVID-19 positive persons will be asked to follow CDC guidelines
 - Coronation and/or Parade is relocated or modified with reduced guests
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Closure

Extreme surge in suspected/confirmed COVID-19 cases

- All Functions cease for a minimum of 14 days
- All preparations are completed remotely
- Maifest Functions are cancelled