

TCA COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN

With the prevalence of COVID-19 still a factor in our area, we have been given state guidelines to follow in order to safely reopen our school. Some of the points below are mandated and some we have decided to implement on our own. We will be having five day a week face to face instruction.

1. We have hired a nurse full-time for this year. She will be responsible for student and staff compliance to COVID-19 guidelines. She will also be disinfecting common surfaces periodically throughout the day. We have also moved and upgraded the nurse's station to better accommodate the needs of the nurse and students.
2. We have hired an after-school custodian to ensure that classrooms, restrooms, and common areas are clean and disinfected for the following day. We will be using an electrostatic disinfecting machine in each room every day after school. This is the same disinfecting method used for mass public transit systems.
3. Since we already have small class sizes, we are able to practice physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. The latest recommendation for schools is a three foot radius between students. We have arranged desks so that they are spread out in the rooms, and students will not be sitting in pods or clusters facing each other. Three-sided, clear sneeze guards will also be installed on each desk.
4. Temperatures will be taken with a contactless infrared thermometer as students are exiting their vehicle each morning. Any student with a temperature above 100 degrees will not be permitted to enter the building and will be held until the temperature is verified by an oral thermometer (with disposable covers). If the student's temperature is still 100 degrees or higher, the student must return home with the parent. Vehicles will not be permitted to leave until all students in those vehicles pass the temperature check for that day. This procedure each morning will require patience and understanding from everyone.
5. A total of thirty hand-sanitizing stations with 70% alcohol gel will be mounted at school entrances, high traffic areas, and in each classroom.
6. Lunch tables will be limited to 4 students with Plexiglas dividers on each table. These tables will also be disinfected between lunches.
7. Public water fountains will not be in use. Please send a pre-filled water bottle to school each day with your child. If the bottle is reusable, please disinfect it daily.
8. Cloth or medical grade face masks or face shields must be worn at all times in the hallways or anytime students are not behind their desk shields. The only time face masks may be removed is during lunch or times of strenuous physical activity that may cause difficulty breathing.
9. Large group meetings, assemblies, and field trips will be prohibited until it has been deemed safe to do so by the CDC or state governing authorities. In the mornings, students will go directly to their classrooms or they may go to the kitchen first for a "grab and go" breakfast and eat it in their classrooms.
10. If any student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 it MUST be reported to the administration. Anyone testing positive will be mandated to quarantine at home for 10 school days or until testing negative. All parents in that class will be notified of any positive tests. A medical document showing the negative test result must be submitted to the office via email, fax, or picture of the document sent via cell phone before being readmitted to school.
11. All students, faculty, staff, and volunteers will be expected to abide by the above protocols.
12. The Open-House before school begins will be done by family appointments scheduled throughout the day.