



TCA COVID-19 Updates: August 14, 2020

Information is subject to change and will be updated as needed and possible.

School-Day Requirements - TCA students will:

- not be allowed to come to school if anyone in their household is Covid-19 positive; contact Cheryle Emison at cheryle.emison@mytcalions.com as soon as possible.
- have their temperature checked at touchless kiosks each morning when entering the building; a student with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be required to go home.
- (6 - 12th) wear a TCA issued or solid color masks or breathable face covers (gaiters) into the building and in common spaces (i.e. hallways, cafeteria, until seated, etc.).
- (LL3-5th) wear a mask/face covering into the building and in common spaces (i.e. hallways, cafeteria, until seated, etc.). LL3 - 5th masks are not required to be solid, but may not have faces of any kind or anything disrespectful.
- be allowed to wear a clear protective face shield if preferred over a mask or gaiter.
- respect teachers and/or administrators when instructed to wear masks/face coverings; teachers may require students to wear masks when social distancing is not optimal.
- wash their hands for at least 20 seconds during the school day when possible & sanitize hands regularly when washing is not possible.
- cover coughs & sneezes with their arm or tissue; dispose of tissues properly & wash their hands.
- respect others' space, property, & decisions to wear a mask/gaiter when not required by the school.

Daily Covid-19 Pre-Screening Mandatory Questions : Parents are to conduct the COVID-19 self-screening for his/her student(s) each morning prior to coming to school.

- Has your child been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID -19 or is someone in your household Covid-19 positive?
- Is your child experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
- Has your child had a fever in the last 48 hours?
- Has your child had a new loss of taste or smell?
- Has your child had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

If the answer "YES" to any of the questions, then your child must stay home.

Contact Cheryle Emison (cheryle.emison@mytcalions.com) so we may assist you.

High-risk contacts will be determined, based on facts and circumstances, using the guidance from the public health authorities. Area principals or Guidance will contact you regarding academics.

Visitor/Lunch/Outside Food Policy: Visitors are not allowed in the school building without a previously scheduled appointment. All visitors are required to wear a face covering, have their temperature screened, and be asked CDC COVID-19 questions. Our hope is that we will be able to open the school to visitors soon!

- Parents or visitors are not allowed in the cafeteria or to eat lunch at school until further notice.
- Outside lunches or food of any kind may not be brought in or delivered to students of any age.
- No homemade foods may be sent to school for anyone outside your own children until further notice. All foods served at school outside of individuals' lunches must be prepackaged by a grocery store, restaurant, or licensed food service company.



What will happen if a student gets sick during the school day?

- Should a student become ill at school, he/she will be assessed for COVID-19 symptoms by our school nurse. Should a student have symptoms, he/she will be placed in a monitored isolation room.
- A parent/guardian will be contacted as soon as possible and specific pick-up instructions will be provided. It is imperative that the student be picked up as quickly as possible once notified.
- TCA's nurse will provide information on the assessment, and you will be advised to contact your pediatrician.
- A parent/guardian is to contact the TCA nurse with the information you gained from the doctor for us to make a determination about your child's re-admittance to school. Different situations may have different facts, and we will work through these on an individual basis.

How will it be handled when a student has a confirmed case of COVID-19 with symptoms?

First, communicate the test result to Cheryle Emison (cheryle.emison@mytcalions.com) so we may help create a plan for your child. Do not return to school on campus until you meet all of the following criteria as defined by the CDC:

- 24 hours with no fever
- Decreased respiratory symptoms
- 14 days since symptoms first appeared

Your child's area principal will communicate with you regarding academics. Virtual learning can be immediate or a plan created for when your child feels better; we will help you through this process. Our nurse and team will review the situation, including contact tracing, and contact the public health authorities for guidance on steps to take as a school.

How will it be handled when a student has a confirmed case of COVID-19 with no symptoms?

If a student continues to have no symptoms, he/she may return to school 14 days from the date the test was administered. If symptoms develop after testing positive, please communicate this information to Cheryle Emison (cheryle.emison@mytcalions.com) and do not return to school on campus until you meet the following criteria as defined by the CDC:

- 24 hours with no fever
- Decreased respiratory symptoms
- 14 days since symptoms first appear

Your child's area principal will communicate with you regarding academics. Virtual learning can be immediate and we will help you through this process if needed.



How will it be handled if anyone in your household has a confirmed case of COVID-19?

- If a member of your household has a confirmed case of COVID-19, contact Cheryle Emison (cheryle.emison@mytcalions.com) as soon as possible. When school is in session, your child(ren) will temporarily shift to virtual learning and we will help with this process.
- The student may not start, attend, and/or return until 14 school days after the affected family member meets the following criteria as defined by the CDC and if the student shows no symptoms:
 - 24 hours with no fever
 - Decreased respiratory symptoms
 - 14 days since symptoms first appeared

How will it be communicated when a student has a confirmed case of COVID-19?

- Our nurse and administration will review the situation, including contact tracing, and contact the public health authorities for guidance.
- The parents of the students in the room(s) in which the student who tested positive will be notified of the COVID-19 case.
- Parents will be advised to watch for symptoms and to contact their pediatrician if necessary.
- Your student will be able to remain in school, unless otherwise notified by administration.
- High-risk contacts will be determined, based on facts and circumstances, using the guidance from the public health authorities. If there has been no determination of a high-risk contact, we will not have to quarantine other students.

How will it be handled when a student has a possible case of COVID-19?

If a student is symptomatic and/or has reason to believe he/she was exposed to COVID-19, please call your pediatrician for guidance. If there is no other diagnosed reason for the symptoms, the student will need to shift to virtual learning. Please notify your area principal to begin this process.

The student may return to school after all the following criteria is met:

- 24 hours with no fever
- Decreased respiratory symptoms
- 14 days since symptoms first appeared

Will Early Ed be required to shut down if Upper School is required to close for any period of time?

While it is our goal for all students to remain on campus, in person, full-time, we have been informed that our infants, toddlers two, three and four-year old classrooms *may* be able remain open under the Tennessee Department of Education Emergency Childcare unless otherwise instructed by a governmental directive. It is our hope that the Tennessee Department of Education would extend this to include all elementary students, as we know that many of our elementary families depend on their students being in school to allow parents to work.

How will absences that exceed the maximum amount be handled?

Principals will work through absences that exceed the maximum amount on a case by case basis.



What is social/physical distancing at school?

- Social/physical distancing in early childhood will be achieved by limiting the mixing of students in classrooms, encouraging outdoor activities and allowing for some activities that promote individual play.
- School-wide classrooms space will be optimized for physical distancing as much as possible.
- Some classes will be held in alternate locations for optimal spacing (i.e. chapel).
- Chapels and Harbor Groups will continue with modified formatting for social distancing.
- Hallway traffic will promote physical distancing and utilize one-way traffic or walking on a designated side.
- Cafeteria lines and tables will be physically distanced (Early Ed through 1st grade will eat in their classrooms).

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf>