



TCA COVID-19 Updates: August 25, 2020

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

TCA School-Day Requirements:

- Students are not allowed to come to school if anyone in their household is Covid-19 positive
- Students will 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
- Students in grades 6-12 must wear a TCA issued solid color mask, breathable face covers (gaiters), or clear protective shield into the building, in common spaces and when asked by teachers/coaches if social distancing is not optimal
- Students in LL3-5th must wear a mask/face covering into the building, in common spaces (i.e. hallways, cafeteria, until seated, etc.), and when asked by teachers/coaches if social distancing is not optimal. LL3 - 5th masks are not required to be solid, but may not have faces of any kind or anything disrespectful
- Encourage your children to wash & sanitize hands throughout the day
- Encourage your children to cover coughs & sneezes with their arm or tissue and to dispose of tissues properly

Parents are to conduct **Daily Covid-19 Pre-Screening Questions** for their child(ren) each morning prior to school.

- Has your child been in contact with a positive COVID case 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 is "YES" to any of the questions, then your child must stay home. Contact Cheryle Emison (cheryle.emison@mytcalions.com) so we may assist you.

What is TCA's visitor and outside food policy?

- No one is allowed in the school building without a previously scheduled appointment, including parents.
- All are required to wear a face covering, have temperature screened, and answer CDC COVID-19 questions.
- 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.
- 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.

How is exposure to COVID-19 determined?

- You were within 6 feet of someone COVID-19 positive for 10 minutes or more within 48 hours/2 days of their Covid-symptom onset (includes vehicle space)
- You live in the same household with someone COVID positive or have provided care to someone with COVID
- You had physical contact with a person within 48 hours/2 days of their Covid-symptom onset (includes vehicle space)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils within 48 hours/2 days of their Covid-symptom onset
- They sneezed or coughed on you within 48 hours/2 days of their Covid-symptom onset



What will happen if a student gets sick during the school day? Erin Rager, School Nurse: 668-8500, ext. 116

- 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.
- Area principals and our Guidance Office will help with academic planning if needed.

What happens if my child is placed on quarantine for being exposed to someone with Covid-19?

- Students are only placed on quarantine if criteria for defined Covid-19 exposure applies.
- Dependent on the situation, individuals, an entire or portion of a group, team, or cohort may be required to quarantine. Contact tracing efforts will be made - cooperation is needed as we strive to help protect your child and others.
- When anyone is quarantined from school for being exposed to a positive case, it is expected by the CDC, the local health department, and the school that they are on quarantine/isolation for 14 days from the date of their exposure; if Covid-19 symptoms begin during this time, then the quarantine will need to continue an additional 14 days (full incubation period) from the onset of symptoms.
- Honoring quarantine/isolation guidelines, not just for school or school activities, honors the requirements of local and national health officials as well as the health of others. It also helps TCA's campus remain open.
- As a school, quarantine measures are required by our local health department and other authorities when exposure criteria applies. Quarantine is a protective measure for the student who has been exposed and for others - not only at school, but also in the surrounding community.
- Virtual learning can be immediate and we will work closely with families to make this process a positive one.

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.

8/24/2020 - According to the Jackson Madison County Health Department, anyone **testing positive** for COVID-19 must:

- Self-quarantine for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms or from a positive test result.
- The household must also quarantine for the same 10 days.
- The person testing positive can come out of isolation after 10 days as long as they have been fever and symptom free for at least 24 hours.
- The rest of the household must continue to quarantine themselves for another 14 days after the positive case has been cleared from isolation (can result in a family having to stay at home for 24 days).
- Members of the household do not need to be tested unless they begin to show symptom

Your child's area principal or Guidance Office will communicate with you regarding academics. Virtual learning can be immediate or we can help create a plan for when your child feels better. We are here to help you through this process.



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 after a positive Covid-19 test, then he/she may return to school 10 days from the date the positive test was administered. If symptoms develop after testing positive, please communicate this information to our school nurse, Erin Rager, at 668-8500, ext. 116 to help create a safe plan for return.

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.

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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, cafeteria).
- 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).
- Students are encouraged to avoid touching others and others' belongings.