



**TCA COVID-19 Policy Updates: September 16, 2020**  
*Information is subject to change and will be updated accordingly.*

**TCA School-Wide Contacts for Covid:**

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The Jackson Madison County Health Department has provided this document from the Tennessee Department of Health to follow: [RELEASING CASES AND CONTACTS FROM ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE CASES HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS NON-HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS](#)

**TCA School-Day Reminders:**

- Students are not allowed to come to school if anyone in their household is Covid-19 positive
- Please do not send your children to school sick. Other illnesses, especially strep and seasonal allergies, are active at this time. Please take your children to a physician if they are sick to help determine what is best for their health. We will partner with your family as a school to help create a plan if needed.
- Students will have their temperature checked at touchless kiosks when entering the building; anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be required to go home.
- Students in grades 6-12 wear a TCA issued or solid color mask, or breathable face cover (gaiter) throughout the day to help decrease the percentage of risk of exposure with social distancing limitations.
- Students in LL3-5th 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 cover coughs & sneezes with their arm or tissue and to dispose of tissues properly
- Encourage your children to wash & sanitize hands throughout the day. They continue to do a great job.
- 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 may not be brought in or delivered to students. No homemade foods may be sent to school for anyone outside your own children.
- All foods served at the school outside of individuals' lunches must be prepackaged by a grocery store, restaurant, or licensed food service company.

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](mailto:cheryle.emison@mytcalions.com)), 731-410-8059, or 731-668-8500, ext. 102 so we may assist you.



**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 by our school nurse and kept in a monitored isolation room.
- A parent/guardian will be contacted and specific pick-up instructions will be provided.
- TCA's nurse will provide you information on the assessment.
- 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 needed academic planning.

**How is exposure to COVID-19 determined?**

**Directly from the Jackson Madison County Health Department.**

- You were within 6 feet of someone COVID-19 positive for **15** consecutive minutes or more within 48 hours (2 days) of their onset of Covid symptoms (includes shared vehicle space). The time of day of exposure is not a factor - exposure time is determined by days.
- You live in the same household with someone COVID positive or have provided care to someone with COVID
- You shared eating or drinking utensils within 2 days of their Covid-symptom onset
- They sneezed, coughed, or got respiratory droplets on you within 2 days of their Covid-symptom onset

**If contact tracing efforts for exposure are unclear, then an entire group (i.e. choir, athletic team, club, etc.) may be required by the school to quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure to someone with Covid-19.**

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

- *Quarantine* keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. Following quarantine guidelines, not just for school or school activities, honors the requirements of health officials as well as the health of others. It also helps TCA's campus remain open.
- If contact tracing efforts are unclear, then an entire group (i.e. choir, athletic team, club, etc.) may be required by the school to quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure to someone with Covid-19. Those students will transition to virtual learning as we continue to take health and safety measures to help protect the health of our students and employees, and to help keep TCA's doors open for in-person learning.
- When anyone is quarantined from school for being exposed to a positive case, they are on quarantine for 14 days from the day after their exposure; if Covid-19 symptoms begin during this time, then the quarantine will need to continue an additional 14 days from the onset of symptoms, or 10 days from a positive test. The Jackson Madison County Health Department calculates a quarantine period by counting the first day of quarantine as the day *after* the exposure.
- Siblings of quarantined students are not required to quarantine unless they or their sibling start exhibiting Covid symptoms or anyone in their household tests positive for Covid.
- Non-quarantined students who are symptom-free and not quarantined may participate in TCA athletics and clubs, including virtual students.
- Students will transition to virtual learning; we will work closely with families to make this a positive process.



### How will it be handled when a student or someone in your household has a confirmed case of COVID-19?

Communicate the test result to Cheryle Emison ([cheryle.emison@mytcalions.com](mailto:cheryle.emison@mytcalions.com)) so we may help create a plan.

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 symptoms

**Siblings** -Siblings of quarantined students are not required to quarantine unless they or their sibling start exhibiting Covid symptoms or anyone in their household tests positive for Covid.

**TCA Extracurriculars** - Non-quarantined students who are symptom-free and are not quarantined may participate in TCA athletics and clubs, including virtual students. If contact tracing efforts for exposure are unclear, then an entire group (i.e. choir, athletic team, club, etc.) may be required by the school to quarantine.

### 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.

### What is social/physical distancing at school?

- Grades 6-12 wear masks throughout the day to help limit exposure with social distancing limitations.
- Elementary students wear a mask/face covering anytime out of their seats or within 6 feet of each other.
- Teachers have defined seating charts to help provide more consistent clarity when contact tracing.
- Early Ed limits 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.
- Cafeteria lines and tables are physically distanced (Early Ed through 1st grade will eat in their classrooms).

### What is TCA's visitor and outside food policy?

- No one is allowed in the school building without a previously scheduled appointment, including parents.
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