



TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

TEACHING THE TRUTH

August 11, 2020

To all Trinity Families:

Just another update to say we are still **COMMITTED** to starting school on Thursday, August 13.

As we start school, there are a few things that are different this year as noted earlier and listed below again as a reminder.

Here are a few to highlight: Masks are mandatory for all parents and visitors. Temperature checks will be taken at drop off points for students. (Please do checks at home before bringing your child to school.) If you need to bring your child early for any reason, drop them off at the lunchroom as a holding area prior to having them go to class.

If we were to have to stop in-person instruction, our staff will be ready to implement distance learning. The faculty have been trained on techniques to use to make learning transition to off-campus better. We are also planning to operate within the Health Department guidelines to supplement distance learning with continued in-person instruction on a smaller scale, whenever possible.

As stated before, our **COMMITMENT** is to balance the need for a safe school environment with the need for healthy development for our students academically as well as spiritually, socially, and physically.

Psalm 27:1: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Sincerely,

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TCS Re-Opening Plan Overview for On-Campus Teaching with Precautions
(as approved by the Board on July 20, 2020)

Temperature checks upon arrival (must be less than 100.4 F) - Check temperature through the day for anyone who may become symptomatic (whether fever or other COVID-type symptoms).

Students & employees with symptoms of illness may not come to school.

Social distancing emphasized. (Spacing classrooms as much as possible, providing campus and hall signage, and placing marks/tape on floors to mark 6 ft distancing for office lines, cafeteria lines, waiting in bathrooms, etc.)

Increased time between classes. Teachers will monitor hallways to emphasize social distancing. Students will exit outside doors to help keep hallway less crowded.

Increased distance between students during lunch using additional spacing in the gym.

For safety and courtesy reasons, masks will be worn in grades K4-12 when social distancing cannot be maintained. **(Moving between classes, going to break/lunch, basically anytime a student is not in a classroom)** – Teacher announce when students can take off masks at the beginning of class “if they feel comfortable doing so.” Some students may prefer to keep masks on for their own health or safety reasons, and this will be allowed.

Desks, computers, etc. will be wiped down after each class, as well as other common use areas.

Water fountains will be turned off/covered so students will be asked to bring water bottles from home.

Just as with other dress code requirements, masks must not have inappropriate designs or logos.

Gatherings permitted based on current state guidelines. Currently, non-distanced gatherings are limited to groups of 50, so this has implications for attendance at sports such as football games, softball games, soccer games, basketball games, etc.

Athletic and Fine Arts programs follow GISA guidelines.

All guests must check-in offices first for temperature check and guest pass. All guests will be required to wear mask. (6 foot spacing and/or developing a phone call system for when guests arrive outside such that they can be called to come in the building.)

Enhanced sanitation measures. Hand washing will be emphasized.

Student/faculty training on wellness procedures. (Flu shots are recommended during flu season.)

Attendance policies will be reviewed and modified due to COVID-19 illness.

During this time lunch drop off, birthday visits, parties, etc. will be suspended.

Families must notify the school immediately if someone in their family is positive or comes in contact with a positive individual.

If someone (whether student, faculty, staff, or administration) tests positive, notification will be made to the family and to the Health Department immediately for continued guidance on isolation dates of the positive patient and quarantine dates of all close contacts based on CDC and DPH guidelines.

* Prior to arriving at school, parents are asked to take their student's temperature and check for symptoms of illness each day to confirm that their student is not running a fever or experiencing any other signs of illness. Temperatures that have been suppressed with fever-reducing medications should NOT be considered "normal." Any temp of 100.4 F or higher, as well as other signs of clinical illness, should be used as a guideline for not sending a child to school.