



# TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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## TEACHING THE TRUTH

August 28, 2020

To all Trinity Families:

The purpose of this letter is to update you and to pass along a big THANK YOU. All the Trinity Family has jumped in to help adjust to the adaptations we have had to make this year for a healthy environment, from taking temperatures in the morning, wearing of masks, cleaning desks, spacing, etc.

We are COMMITTED to staying open in the safest and most effective way we can. Please continue to talk to your children about good safety habits. We have encountered a few cases thus far and expect this to continue. We consider each case individually as it arises and are in regular contact with our local Health Department, continuing to operate within their guidelines. If your child is considered a contact or has been reported as positive for COVID-19, their quarantine time will be away from school property. Only those in direct contact within 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes will be asked to quarantine. If you are a contact of a contact, then you do not have to quarantine.

Remember academics will still continue for those in quarantine through Google Classroom and communication with the teacher. Check RenWeb first as your primary source for academics.

Masks are mandatory for all parents and visitors as well as staff and students. Temperature checks will continue to be taken at drop off points for students. (Please do checks at home before bringing your child to school.) Any children who arrive early for any reason are to be dropped off at the lunchroom as a holding area prior to having them go to class. Please continue to follow the additional guidelines attached to this document. **Changes/reminders have been bolded, including the guidance that during this time, lunch drop off, birthday visits, parties, etc. will be suspended.**

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, updated August 24, 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.

**Masks will be worn at all athletic and other events on Trinity’s campus. TCS guests at other schools will follow their guidelines concerning masking and social distancing.**

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.