



TSC Health Services

August 27, 2021

The TSC school board and administration has made the decision to revise the TSC Opening Plan regarding masking. Effective Wednesday, August 25, universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, is required in the TSC.

If a student or staff member is unable to wear a face mask, a doctor's order may be requested to allow for an alternate face covering, such as a face shield, to be worn. If a parent reports that a student is unable to wear any type of face covering at school, further information will be requested regarding the need for this accommodation at school.

The Indiana State Department of Health recently updated their guidance related to COVID testing options that can be accepted by Indiana Schools. Confirmatory PCR tests are no longer required for antigen (rapid) tests performed in a clinical setting (pharmacy, MD office, state test site). Either a PCR or an antigen (rapid) test result performed in a clinical setting will suffice for testing for COVID-19 for both asymptomatic and symptomatic individuals. Home tests will not be accepted and will need to be confirmed by a rapid or PCR COVID test done in a clinical setting.

TSC will continue to do contact tracing in our schools when positive COVID cases are reported. TSC will continue to utilize a 10 day quarantine for unvaccinated close contacts of individuals with COVID. Close contacts may return to school, athletics, and extracurricular activities on day 11 as long as they remain symptom free. If symptoms develop, the close contact will be excluded from school, athletics, and extracurricular activities for at least the remainder of the recommended quarantine period. A negative COVID (**PCR or rapid test performed in a clinical setting**) test or doctor's note may be requested prior to return to school.

TSC will now offer another return to school option for students identified as close contacts to positive cases. Close contacts may return to school on day 8 of quarantine if they meet the following criteria:

- The close contact must have a PCR or antigen (rapid) test performed on day 5, 6 or 7 of the quarantine period, at a clinical testing site. **Documentation of the negative test must be provided to the school before returning to school on Day 8.**
- Close contacts returning on day 8 must complete daily monitoring for symptoms. If symptoms develop, the close contact should stay home from school and school activities for at least the remainder of the quarantine period. A follow up COVID test may be required before returning to school.

Additional information related to TSC's COVID plans can be found at [Opening 21-22](#) or at [TSC Health Services](#). Please don't hesitate to reach out to your school nurse with any questions or concerns.

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