

TROUP COUNTY CAREER CENTER COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES AND PRECAUTIONS

The Troup County Career Center will work to implement any TCSS System COVID-19 protocols, which are designed for the safety and security of our students and staff members. In addition to these guidelines, TCCC will also implement the following measures specifically in our building:

COVID-19 Confirmation, Contact and Notice:

Staff and students are encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms which may include a fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss/change of taste or smell, sore throat congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. If a student develops symptoms throughout the day, he/she must notify an adult immediately.

If your student receives a positive COVID test result, or is known to have been in contact with someone having a positive COVID test result, please keep them at home in isolation. We advise that students and any others in direct contact be quarantined for fourteen (14) days before returning to the building.

Please call the Career Center to notify us as soon as possible, so that we can work through our contact tracing procedures. Our front office number is 706-668-6820.

Social Distancing:

Students will have assigned seating to help with contact tracing and to minimize any spread from asymptomatic COVID positive students. Desks and other seating will be arranged in classrooms to maximize distance between students. Student desks will face the same direction as much as possible, to minimize constantly breathing into other people's faces. Marks have been placed on the ground to show six foot (6') distance spacing both inside the building and outside on the adjacent sidewalk.

Masks and other protections:

The wearing of face coverings, such as masks, is required for ALL students and staff while inside TCSS buildings and in meetings. Masks and face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected and should cover both the nose and the mouth when worn. Face shields are an acceptable substitute for staff and students, but may not be as effective as a reusable cloth mask.

Face shields will be available, upon request, for staff and for students with underlying medical conditions.

Sick Students at school:

- Students who are sick must be promptly picked up.
- Student and staff who become ill are encouraged to seek treatment and consult with their personal healthcare provider or the local health department
- When staff or student cases of COVID-19 are confirmed, the system will work with local health authorities to respond rapidly.
- Responses will be dictated by the specific nature of each case.
- Troup County will follow all relevant student and health privacy laws when making this disclosure.
- In the clinic, nurses will wear medical grade personal protective equipment and change as needed.
- Touchless thermometers will be used in schools when taking student or staff temperatures.

Visitors:

Outside visitors to school (parents, district office, etc.) will be discouraged. Any visitors deemed necessary or essential will have to follow all standard protocols (temperature, masks, questionnaire log, etc.) and will be expected to minimize their time in the building.

Cleaning:

Restrooms will be stocked with antibacterial soap and towels, and students will be strongly encouraged to wash their hands during the school day. Hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol will be provided at building entrances, in the cafeteria, on buses, and in classrooms. These will be systematically checked and refilled. Children will be supervised in the use of these products. Adequate supplies will be provided to support healthy hygiene behaviors throughout the day (e.g. hand soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, wipes, etc.) Parents may also send donations of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content, disinfecting wipes, and facial tissues for their child's classroom. Teachers and students should utilize system provided wipes to clean desks, and tables once per day. Teachers should also clean frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, light switches, computer keyboards, mice, interactive boards, and telephones with the wipes.

In an attempt to reduce the spread of the virus, doors at the main entrances to the schools will be held open at the start and finish of each day to limit the need to touch door handles.

Food and Water:

All cafeteria spaces will be sanitized by the custodial staff prior to student's eating meals and after each student group leaves the cafeteria. Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces will occur between each serving session. Safety practices for all cafeteria workers include the wearing of face masks, face shields, gloves (where appropriate), and hand sanitizing. Students will be required to wash their hands before and after each meal, and hand sanitizer will be available. Breakfast and lunch menu options will be modified for easier transport to and from the cafeteria. Students may pick up breakfast and lunch from the cafeteria and eat in the cafeteria or other designated areas. Individually packaged utensils, condiments, and pre-packaged/boxed lunches may also be provided.

All water fountains will be turned off. Students, teachers, and staff are encouraged to bring their own water bottles for personal use.

Closure:

Decisions to open and to remain open will be made using the latest guidance from external agencies (e.g. Department of Public Health, Center for Disease Control, Georgia Department of Education, etc.) with consideration for maximizing educational opportunities while maintaining the health and safety of staff and students. District office staff will regularly communicate with local leaders and keep the community informed of school system status. School specific communications will be made through the building principal who will keep his/her staff and families informed of any closure decisions.