



# Health & Safety Plan Update

August 23, 2021

# COVID-19 Mitigation Plan: 2021-2022



The Tredyffrin/Easttown School District is committed to providing full-time, in-person instruction for TESD students during the 2021-2022 school year.



We will follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and collaborate with the Chester County Health Department in responding to COVID-19 cases in our schools.

# COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols

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# Masking - Effective August 16, 2021:

- **Indoors/School Transportation:** Individuals age two and over are required to wear a face covering while indoors in any District building and on school buses regardless of vaccination status.
- **Outdoor Activities:** Masking is optional but welcomed during outdoor activities such as recess, activity or PE.
- **Sports/Extra-Curriculars:** Due to the varied nature of these activities, the Director of Safety & Student Services will work with the relevant building level staff to identify masking requirements.

# Symptom Screening

- **Attendance at School:** By sending their child to school, families are affirming that their child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms, has not been directed to quarantine, and is not otherwise sick or ill.
- **No Daily Submission:** A daily symptom screener submission in PowerSchool will no longer be required.
- **During the School Day:** If a child demonstrates symptoms during the school day, they will see the school nurse and a parent/guardian will be contacted.
- **Chronic Health Conditions:** Students or staff with documented chronic health conditions such as seasonal allergies should follow up with their school nurse (students) or Human Resources (staff).

# Physical Distancing

- **General Physical Distancing:** TESD will seek to maintain at least 3 feet of physical distancing between students to the fullest extent feasible.
- **Possible Exceptions:** Physical distancing of less than 3 feet may occur in classroom activities, building transitions, on school transportation, during lunch, or at other times.
- **Lunch:** building principals will share details with families. As was supported during the 2020-2021 school year, if a family wishes to remove their student from the building during lunch period, they may do so.

# Handwashing, Facilities, Ventilation

- **Hand Hygiene:** Proper handwashing will be reinforced and hand sanitizer will be available throughout school buildings.
- **Facilities:** Cleaning and maintenance will continue to be done at regularly scheduled intervals.
- **Ventilation:** District HVAC systems meet American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and International Mechanical Code (IMC) requirements for air exchange.

# Responding to a COVID-19 Case

- **Contract Tracing:**

- TESD will continue to assist the CCHD in conducting contact tracing and in delivering CCHD quarantine orders as needed.
- Contact tracing will be done by District nursing staff and administrators.
- The goal of contact tracing is to identify who is a close contact, who should isolate, and who should quarantine.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CLOSE CONTACT

You are being directed to quarantine because you have been identified as a close contact.

Date of Exposure  
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## What is Considered a Close Contact?



**General Public** A "close contact" is defined as either:

- Being within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time **OR**
- Having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case, such as being coughed on



**K-12 Indoor Classroom Setting** The "close contact" definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of a student with COVID-19 where:

- Both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks **AND**
- Other K-12 school prevention strategies were in place in the K-12 school setting

**This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.**

# Conducting COVID-19 Testing

- **Rapid Antigen Testing:** In partnership with CHOP and the CCHD, the District will again offer rapid antigen testing using the Abbott Labs BINAX-Now test kits. There is no cost for the tests, but additional contracted nursing staff will be needed.
- **Results:** Test results are available within 15-30 minutes. The person swabs each nostril and then a staff member conducts the test. Results are texted to the person.

# COVID-19 Testing in T/E

## Testing: Close Contact

Families of students identified as a close contact may choose to have their child tested for COVID-19 in accordance with CCHD rules. Antigen testing can be completed by the District.

Those who are vaccinated but would otherwise be considered a close contact may choose to participate in testing.

## Testing: Screening

Families of students attending in-person and who are unvaccinated may choose to have their child participate in weekly assurance testing. This testing is voluntary. A survey will be sent to all families in the District to develop an implementation plan.

Students who are unvaccinated and participating in a sports activity may be asked to participate in weekly or twice a week testing. Frequency of testing is determined by the type of sport and level of community transmission.

# Vaccination Promotion

- **Ongoing Partnerships:** The District will continue to partner with the CCHD and community providers to help vaccinate against COVID-19.
- **Developing Information:** A booster shot is being discussed for those 8+ months out from their 2<sup>nd</sup> shot of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.
- **Vaccination of staff:** weekly COVID-19 testing will be required of all staff who are unvaccinated or decline to disclose vaccination status. Staff is defined as all TESD employees and all contract service providers working with students in our buildings.

# Communication



A new *COVID-19 Resources for the 2021-2022 School Year* hub has been created on the TESD website at [www.tesd.net/COVID2122](http://www.tesd.net/COVID2122).



The District will renew the practice of having a COVID-19 dashboard on the TESD website to share current information on cases in schools.



Additional resources and information related to the pandemic will continue to be shared with families through the TESD and school websites, email, public presentations and School Board meetings.



Questions and feedback regarding COVID-19 may be shared with the administration via email at [TECovidFeedback@tesd.net](mailto:TECovidFeedback@tesd.net).