

TCA Spring 2022 COVID-19 Information - Updated 1/14/2022

→ Covid-19 Symptoms / Self-Screening / Covid-19 Testing on Campus

Students, staff and guests must self-screen daily before coming to school for signs of COVID-19. Anyone actively sick with Covid-19, suspected of being sick with Covid-19, or who has received a positive test result for Covid-19 should not come to the TCA campus. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school or to any school event if their child has Covid-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with Covid-19 until they have met the conditions for re-entry as communicated by the school nurse's office.

Covid-19 symptoms can include:

- Feeling feverish, significant muscle pain or aches, or measured temperature of 100° Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
- loss of taste or smell;
- sore throat, congestion or new cough that causes difficulty breathing (or, for those with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in cough from baseline);
- diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
- new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

Trinity Christian Academy offers Covid-19 testing to TCA students and staff through our school's T-CARE program. This service is provided through the Parker County Hospital District and is dependent upon that agency's ability to offer testing. For an appointment, email TCA school nurse [Deon Kisiah](#).

→ Positive Covid-19 Test Results or Symptomatic

Should a TCA student or staff member test positive or show symptoms common to Covid-19, that individual or family must inform the TCA nurse's office using [this link](#) and remain away from school and school events. You will be contacted by the TCA school nurse regarding length of quarantine if needed. As required of all schools, TCA will notify the local health department should a student or staff member test positive for Covid-19.

Any student or staff member who is a close contact (within six feet for a time period of 15 minutes) with someone living in their household who is positive for Covid-19, OR is symptomatic and awaiting a Covid-19 test result, must notify the TCA nurse's office using [this link](#) and stay away from campus and school activities for **5 days from the date of last exposure**. "Day 1" is the day after first exposure, and quarantine may end after Day 5 if the individual remains free of Covid-related symptoms* and has avoided additional contact with the Covid positive individual.

*Includes being fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit or higher.

At this time, vaccination status does not affect quarantine requirements.

→ **Notifications**

If a student or staff member on the elementary or secondary campus tests positive for Covid-19, email notices will be sent to school staff and to parents of students on that campus. Should a student test positive for Covid-19, that student's grade level will be included in the email notice. In some cases, special notice may be given to specific groups should a staff member or student in that class or activity test positive for Covid-19.

Confidentiality requirements do not allow disclosure of the individual's identity.

Upon receipt of information that any staff member or student at school is test-confirmed to have Covid-19, Trinity Christian Academy is required to submit that information to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

→ **Covid-related Absences**

Covid related absences will be tracked but will be considered excused. These will not count toward excessive absence counts that might result in a need for Saturday school.

→ **Remote Learning**

TCA will not offer a fully remote learning environment at this time. All regular learning activities will be in-person and on-campus.

"At Home Learning" will be offered on a limited basis to students who must miss school due to Covid-19 illness or exposure. TCA Director of Curriculum [Lyricia Squyres](#) will serve as an initial point of contact for At Home Learners.

→ **Vaccinations**

There are no Covid-19 vaccine requirements in place on TCA's campuses.

→ **Face Coverings**

Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear face coverings. Students and staff choosing to wear a face covering at school and school events will be supported in doing so. Parents desiring their child to wear a face covering at school or at school events should discuss doing so at home. TCA staff will not be responsible for holding students accountable for doing so.

→ **School Events**

At this time, TCA has no plan for significant adjustments to school events, including sporting events. When at events at other school campuses or event venues, TCA students and families must follow COVID safety requirements of the host school or organization.