

## EMAIL FROM MICHAEL BOYER(PRINCIPAL) 8/4/21

Dear Parents,

As we approach the start of school, we want to assure you we are excited to welcome your children back to school. They are, and will always be, our primary focus. As we moved through the pandemic last year, it became clear how important it is to offer a structured learning environment for all students. We are thankful of Governor's COVID-19 Order, which allows schools to return to normal operations with guidance from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) best practices. We ask you remember our number one priority is the safety, health and well-being of your child, our staff, and our communities. We are confident with your cooperation and our remarkable employees, we can be successful. We are eagerly awaiting your child's return and our new students start to the TCHS family.

- Facial coverings or masks will be required for students K and up and all employees for indoor activities, per Governor Edward's Proclamation. Based on the protocols set forth by the Governor, masks will not be required for outdoor activities, i.e. PE classes, athletic practices, football games.
- Facial coverings are required of all drivers and all passengers on school buses.
- Temperature checks will not be required upon entering the campus, however, they will occur if school officials suspect a student or employee may have a fever. Persons with a fever will be sent home, and they will be asked to remain off campus until they are free of fever for 24 hours.
- All classrooms, buses, restrooms and "high-touch" surfaces on campuses will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Quarantines will be required of all positive cases. Some specific guidelines for individual circumstances include:
  - Quarantines can end after 10 days without testing if the person is not exhibiting symptoms.
  - Quarantines can end after 7 days if the individual takes a COVID PCR/molecular test receiving negative results and they are exhibiting no symptoms.
- Contact tracing and quarantine guidelines for individuals potentially exposed in a school setting will be followed according to these circumstances:
  - Close contacts for those who are fully vaccinated and remain asymptomatic will NOT be required to quarantine.
  - Close contacts for those not vaccinated who were wearing a mask at the time of exposure, and the positive case was also wearing a mask, will NOT be required to quarantine.
  - Close contacts for those not vaccinated who were not wearing a mask at the time of exposure, and/or the positive case was not wearing a mask, will be required to quarantine.
  - All close contact quarantines are subject to the same return policy as positive cases – they may return if symptom-free without a test after 10 days or return after 7 days with a negative COVID PCR/molecular test.

Sincerely,  
Michael H. Boyer