

TCCS Covid-19 General Guidelines - "Return to Learn Policy"

The past few months have been trying for all of us. We are returning to the classroom on August 18 in the middle of an unprecedented situation. How do we return to in-person learning safely at TCCS?

Our mission at Terra Ceia Christian School is "to equip students academically, spiritually, and socially to serve Jesus Christ in all areas of life while they are students and as they transition through adulthood." Our desire is to support parents in the education of the children and to do so in a manner that is safe for students, staff, and families. We believe that we serve a sovereign God who is in control. Psalm 103:19 reads "The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all."

In order to fulfill our mission of equipping students academically, spiritually, and socially - we need to be in school. With this in mind, representatives from the Board, Staff, and various committees met and developed some guidelines that we intend to follow based on the document entitled "TCCS Covid-19 Plan 2020-21". Based on this plan, we believe that these common-sense suggestions that follow are needed to be safe and reduce the risk of COVID-19. Our number one responsibility is to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and society. In order to accomplish this, in the most unobtrusive manner, we will require moderate distancing of 6 feet between all persons throughout the day. When this is not possible, face coverings to include masks or neck gaiters will be mandatory. We intend to put the following guidelines in place to limit the amount of time required wearing a mask while maintaining a safe learning environment.

Please review the guidelines listed below. If you wish to review the full plan, adapted in part from the NC Strong Schools Initiative using CDC and NCDHHS recommendations, please follow this link: [TCCS Covid-19 Plan 2020-21 School Year](#).

The flow chart for return to school was adapted from the NC Strong Schools Initiative. These guidelines are in detail for students and staff in the TCCS Covid-19 Plan.

1. Parent Attestation must be signed and turned in on the first day of school to acknowledge that you will continue to ask these questions daily before sending your child to class. This must be received or the child will not be allowed to start school on the 18th. The attestation can be found at the bottom of this letter or on the website or using this link: [Attestation Form](#)

2. Parents must fill out the TCCS Covid-19 Waiver attached to this document or found using this [Waiver Form](#)
3. Parents must fill-in the Daily Covid Symptoms Check form. This form can be filled out and sent to the office electronically, on a daily basis, for the 14 days preceding the start of school (08/04-08/17) using this link: [Daily Covid Symptoms Check Form](#)
4. Faculty, Staff, and Administrators will be required to fill out the same Daily Health form beginning 08/04/2020.
5. Students and teachers will learn about and practice social distancing both at school and on the bus. Because our class sizes are small, we believe we can accomplish this and in doing so, not have the need to wear face coverings at all times.
6. When social distancing is not possible, for example on a school van, students will be asked to wear face coverings. The most convenient and easily washable face covering to wear is the "neck gaiter". Students must supply their own. Students and staff members who feel at risk are encouraged to wear face coverings throughout the day. Students should have a face covering with them at all times throughout the day.
7. In addition to parents taking temperatures and monitoring symptoms at home, students will have their temperature taken when they board the bus in the morning. Students who do not ride the bus will have their temperature taken when they arrive at school. Students with a temperature of 100.4 may not attend school. Some students might also be asked to submit to a temperature check during the day, and if their temperature is too high or they are displaying symptoms, they must be picked up from school immediately.
8. If students do not pass the temperature check when boarding the bus or upon arrival to school, they will not be able to attend classes that day and will only be permitted back at school by following the attached flow chart for return to school.
9. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently. Hand sanitizers will be located at the entrances and in each classroom.
10. Students, Faculty, and Staff will take an increased role in cleaning the school and wiping down frequently touched items such as desks and doorknobs. Faculty and Staff have taken the appropriate "Count on Me NC" program modules.
11. Teachers will continue to learn more about google classroom and distance learning. We plan to be ready and more effective should we have to return to distance learning again.

12. Students should be prepared to drink bottled water, not water from a water fountain. Students are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles to use at the filling stations being installed at the school.
13. Please let the school know if your child is an "at risk" child.
14. Athletics - In anticipation of the upcoming NCISAA announcement, guidelines for athletics are being developed.
15. Extracurricular activities are being looked at to see how we can continue to deliver quality activities for our students.
16. In the event a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, we will refer to the attached flow chart and the guidelines set forth in the TCCS Covid-19 Plan 2020-21 School Year.
17. If distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained, impacts of positive cases in the classroom should be very minimal according to published CDC information.

Although we are going to have to take measures to change how we go about our day, the necessary impacts in the classroom, to protect our Terra Ceia School Families, should be minimal. Please refer to the [TCCS Covid-19 Plan 2020-21 School Year](#) for more information on how TCCS will operate under these conditions.

TCCS Parent Attestation

TCCS SYMPTOM SCREENING - Parent/Guardian Attestation must be signed and turned in on the first day of school to acknowledge that you will continue to ask these questions daily before sending your child to class. This must be signed and turned in prior to your child attending class.

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

1. Has your child had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and advised you to quarantine?

- Yes > The child should not be at school. The child can return 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19, or as listed below.
- No > The child can be at school if the child is not experiencing symptoms.

2. Does your child have any of these symptoms?

- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New cough
- New loss of taste or smell
- If a child has any of these symptoms, they should stay home, stay away from other people, and you should call the child's health care provider.

3. Since they were last at school, has your child been diagnosed with COVID-19?

- Yes
- No
- If a child is diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a test, their symptoms, or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay at home until they meet the criteria below.
- A child can return to school when a family member can ensure that they can answer YES to ALL three questions:
 - Has it been at least 10 days since the child first had symptoms?
 - Has it been at least 3 days since the child had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)?
 - Has it been at least 3 days since the child's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath?
- If a child has had a negative COVID-19 test, they can return to school once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and they have felt well for 24 hours.
- If a child has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms, they should remain out of school until 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.
- If a child has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact, unless they test positive. In which case, criteria above would apply. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative.

I attest that that I will continue to monitor for symptoms throughout the school year and that I have received the TCCS Covid-19 General Guidelines as of:

____ / ____ / 2020, ____ : ____ AM PM

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

COVID-19 Waiver

Terra Ceia Christian School

Faced with the COVID-19 pandemic, Terra Ceia Christian School ("TCCS") has been exploring reasonable and prudent ways to re-open for our students. TCCS has worked to prepare and implement a thoughtful policy moving forward, which included consideration of cleaning, screening, physical distancing and other safety measures. Though TCCS and its agents will work hard to implement and abide by those guidelines in the policy, neither the guidelines themselves, nor any guidance from federal, state or local governments, would allow TCCS to guarantee an environment that is entirely free of COVID-19 related risks.

By allowing your child to return to TCCS, however, you acknowledge and understand that your child's attendance will require him/her to interact physically with TCCS teachers, staff members, other children and even volunteers. Despite reasonable mitigation efforts by TCCS, physical interaction with the public at large may pose unavoidable risks to you, your child and your family due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, you acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. **Waiver and Release:** You hereby release, discharge and hold harmless TCCS and its agents (including but not limited to all employees, board members and all other representatives of TCCS) from any and all liability, claims and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, resulting from or related to COVID-19 ("Claims"), which arise or may hereafter arise from your child's return to school. You further waive any and all Claims against TCCS or its agents resulting from or related to COVID-19 that arise or may hereafter arise from your child's return to school.
2. **Assumption of Risk:** You further acknowledge and understand that your child's return to and participation at TCCS may expose him/her and others, including you and your other family members, to unavoidable COVID-19 community spread. You expressly assume the risk of potential COVID-19 illness to your child, and/or to you and your family, resulting from or related to his/her return to school; and you expressly release TCCS and its agents from all liability for injury, illness or other issues resulting from or in any way related to COVID-19.

By executing below, you acknowledge having read and understood all the above terms and conditions.

Your Child's Printed Full Name*

_____/_____/2020

Date of Signing

Print Your Full Name

Your Relationship to Child

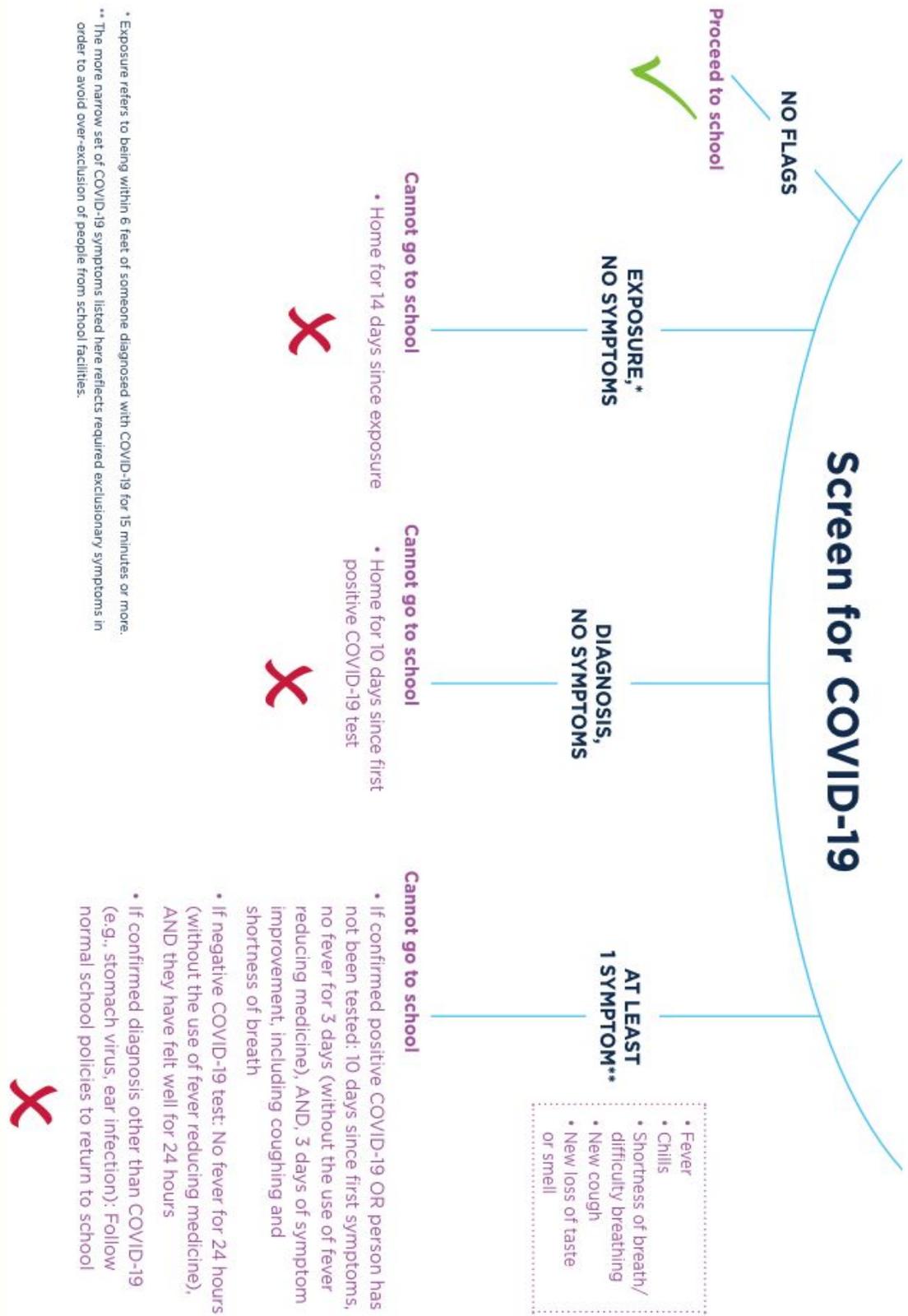
Your Signature

*Please complete and sign a COVID-19 Waiver for each child that attends TCCS.



Screening Flow Chart

For step-by-step instructions for school personnel, review the [Reference Guide for Suspected, Presumptive, or Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 \(K-12\)](#)



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