



2022-2023 Health Plan

Guiding Principles

1. The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and other contagious diseases are continually evolving, and TCA+A's Health Plans will be periodically evaluated and adapted as needed.
2. TCA+A will follow recommendations for school operation from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Education Agency (TEA), and local health officials.
3. Personal prevention practices such as handwashing and staying home when sick are important actions to mitigate the spread of disease.

Symptom Self-Screening for Students, Staff, & Visitors

1. In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, individuals should note if they have recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them:
 - a. Temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
 - b. New loss of taste or smell
 - c. Cough
 - d. Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - e. Runny nose and/or congestion
 - f. Headache
 - g. Chills
 - h. Sore throat
 - i. Fatigue
 - j. Significant muscle pain or ache
 - k. Diarrhea, vomiting, and/or nausea
2. TCA+A requires teachers, staff, and visitors to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to campus each day. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home and follow campus protocol.
3. Parents must not send a child to school if the child has any symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19.

Vigilant Hand Washing and Sanitizing

1. Students will have the opportunity to wash hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the day, including before eating and following restroom breaks.
2. Teachers and staff will be expected to wash and/or sanitize their hands regularly.
3. Soap will be available at all sinks, and sanitizer will be available in each classroom.

Other General Health Measures

1. Students are encouraged to bring a personal water bottle and use the water bottle refilling stations.
2. Masks, shields, and/or neck gaiters will be optional and may be worn by any teacher, staff member, or student as preferred. Per State of Texas policies, face coverings will not be mandatory.
3. TCA+A will provide optional COVID-19 rapid tests for all employees as requested.
4. As available, TCA+A may provide optional COVID-19 rapid tests for students with parents' request/permission.

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected to Have COVID-19

1. Any individuals who are test-confirmed to have COVID-19 must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the conditions for campus re-entry have been met. Although it is not required, per CDC guidelines, it is highly recommended individuals wear a well-fitted mask until the 10th day after the positive test or first sign of symptoms.
2. In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to campus when all three of the following criteria have been met:
 - a. at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - b. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - c. at least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
3. Individuals with Covid-19 symptoms may return to school after providing a Negative Covid test, or a medical professional's alternative diagnosis or completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
4. COVID-19 testing may be completed by a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test or a home kit. All test results must be accompanied with the individual's name, date, and location of the test.

TCA+A Practices to Respond to a Test-Confirmed Case in the School

1. If an individual who has been on campus is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the campus will notify the Tarrant County Health department in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. The campus nurse and administrative team will determine all students who have been in close contact with the identified individual and notify all identified families.
 - a. Individuals who have been in close contact with someone who tests positive, but are not showing symptoms, may choose to attend school on campus or quarantine.
 - b. Students identified as within close contact may participate in Remote Conferencing to earn daily attendance.

Student Instruction during Quarantine

1. If a student is unable to attend school because of a temporary medical condition, such as COVID-19, he/she may be counted present by participating in Remote Conferencing.

- a. The total number of days attended via Remote Conferencing must not exceed 20 over the entirety of the school year.
- b. In order for a student to participate in Remote Conferencing, one of the following requirements must be met:
 - i. The student's temporary medical condition must be documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States. The documentation must include a statement that the student is to remain confined to their home or to a hospital.
 - ii. The student has a positive test result for an approved communicable condition.
 - iii. The student has been identified as having been in close contact with COVID-19.
- c. Students participating through Remote Conferencing will generate attendance by being virtually present.
 - i. Students will utilize Google Classroom and/or other online curricular programs to access all assignments.
 - ii. At the designated time, students will log in to their Remote Conferencing session through the provided link.
 - iii. Texas Center for Arts + Academics is required to abide by the State of Texas minimum attendance laws and procedures.
 - iv. A TCA+A employee will meet with the students to review the missing assignments and answer questions as needed.
 - 1. TCA+A students completing Remote Conferencing will not be in a virtual classroom with students present in the school building.
 - 2. TCA+A students completing Remote Conferencing may have slightly different assignments than their in-school peers.
 - 3. TCA+A students completing Remote Conferencing may have additional assignments/tests/projects/performances to complete once back on campus.