



June 17, 2020

Dear TCA Community,

It's been a little more than 2 weeks since our last update and much work has been done. We are thankful for TCA's Health Task Force team that has worked to create a thorough school policy to address COVID-19 and establish procedures and protocol that will protect our students and staff. **TCA's Health Task Force** is comprised of the local EMA Director, a LeBonheur physician and 2 registered nurses. Collectively, they have **more than 75 years of medical experience** and all are currently working in the midst of this pandemic, staying abreast of the most recent medical recommendations.

The Health Policy that has been approved and adopted by the Board of Directors to be implemented in August is available for you to read and review on our website under the Return to School section on our Home page. ([http://www.tiptonchristianacademy.com/editoruploads/files/COVID-19REV\\_addendum\\_to\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.tiptonchristianacademy.com/editoruploads/files/COVID-19REV_addendum_to_handbook.pdf))

Some highlights of the policy that indicate the proactive measures we are taking to ensure the health and safety of everyone on TCA's campus are:

- **Temperature checks for everyone** entering the school building each day, including teachers, staff and students. Student temperatures will be taken before they exit their vehicle.
- Parents & visitors must **schedule appointments** prior to coming to the school and should call ahead before entering the building
- Students who get sick at school will stay in a **designated "sick room"** until they are picked up. Upon exit, that room will be sanitized.
- Masks aren't required in the classroom but may be worn as preferred. Land's End has school logo masks available to order on the school site if desired.
- **Masks will be required in Chapel.** (K-12, option for PreK)
- **Touchless hand sanitation stations** will be located throughout the school and students will be encouraged to use them frequently.
- High touch areas will be sanitized twice daily during the school day.
- The **school day will be extended 15 minutes** to add 6 additional stockpile days to the school calendar, making a total of 20. (*Refer to the bottom of the school calendar posted on our website under the Return to School section for dismissal times. The extended school day applies to Jr.K, Stay & Play, K-12. PreK will still have a 12pm dismissal time.*)

As you have heard more than once, this is a fluid situation and is subject to change and government mandates. Tipton Christian Academy is a private entity and we have many advantages that help us regulate internally, allowing us to return to in-person learning in August. We look forward to seeing our students on August 6!

Respectfully,

Lisa Blalack, Head of School