

Modifications to the Student Handbook

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Visitors

All visitors will have a temperature check on arrival to the school and be asked the following questions:

1. Have you or anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
2. Have you felt feverish or had any fever of 100.4 or greater in the last 72 hours?
3. Do you have a COVID-19 test pending?

If the visitor has a fever over 100.4 or answers yes to any of these questions, they will be denied entry into the school.

HEALTH POLICY

Perfect Attendance Award

There will no longer be a perfect attendance award for students who don't miss any days. (CDC)

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Policy

Students may NOT come to school if they or anyone in their household have COVID-19 (Coronavirus) or is a person under suspicion with a pending test. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school immediately if this happens. If the student or anyone in their household tests positive, the student will be required to self-isolate at home for 14 days from the time the school is notified, be fever free for 24 hours, and be 10 days out from testing (whichever is longest) before returning to school.

If there is a positive case in the school, the Head of School will immediately notify the Tipton County Health Department for further guidance.

If a student or staff member is found to be positive during the course of the school day, the student will be removed from the room and placed in the "sick room". The classroom will be closed off for 24 hours. The room will then be thoroughly cleaned. If windows or doors leading outside can be opened, this should be done as well.

Because of student/staff confidentiality requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, the names of any positive cases will not be shared with anyone except the Tipton County Health Department or other health agencies.

Sick Policy

What can you do at home to be prepared for illness:

1. Check your child for illness before sending them to school.
2. Have a reliable thermometer on hand to check for fever.
3. Teach your child to cover their coughs and sneezes, wash hands often, to not touch their face, and to not share food or drink.
4. Plan now for childcare at home before your child becomes ill.
5. Check first with your family's healthcare provider if your child is showing signs of illness.
6. Call or email your child's teacher or the school if they are sick at home.
7. Inform the teacher or school what illness your child has so that we can be on watch for that illness in the classroom.
8. If anyone in your house or your student is positive for COVID-19 or has a pending test, you must inform the school immediately.

General Illness – Students and staff members with these symptoms will not be allowed into school:

1. Fever of 100.4 or higher
2. Vomiting and/or diarrhea
3. Flu-like symptoms
4. Strep throat
5. Unexplained rash
6. Skin infections
7. Undiagnosed redness or swelling of the eye
8. Productive cough
9. Feeling unwell and not up to a day at school

Returning to School – Your child may return to school:

1. Fever free for 24 hours without taking ibuprofen or acetaminophen.
2. No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.
3. 24 hours after starting antibiotics for pink eye, strep throat, or other bacterial infections.
4. If they have a doctor's note saying it is ok to return school after being discharged from the hospital or emergency department.
5. If they have a doctor's note saying it is ok after being treated for a severe bacterial infection of the skin.
6. If anyone in your house or the student/staff member is positive for COVID-19 or has a pending test, you must inform the school immediately and the 14-day quarantine will start at that time. If a second person in the household tests positive or has symptoms, the 14-days will start again and school administration must again be notified

Additional Health Policies

1. Masks shall be worn by staff and students while at school.
 - a. Students may wear masks if they choose to do so in the classroom. Students are encouraged to wear masks when passing from one room or area of the school to another area (and when they are within six feet of any other student or adult).
 - b. All staff and students **MUST** wear a mask to chapel. It is recommended for pre-school students as well.
 - c. Students and staff members will not wear medical gloves except when cleaning. This is discouraged as it may increase the spread of disease if worn all day without changing.
 - d. Face shields may be worn if the individual chooses but this does not replace a face mask.
 - e. Face masks should not have an exhalation port on them as this allows the virus to spread outside of the face mask.
 - f. The student/staff member should have a bag to place their mask into each day.
2. If 3 or more students from the same class have a fever or flu-like symptoms at the same time, the entire class of students will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 3 calendar days.
3. If at least two students from the same class test positive for COVID-19, the entire class of students will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 14 calendar days.
4. Parents will not be allowed in the school without a scheduled appointment. They must call the front desk before entering the building, have their temperature taken upon arrival, and wear a mask at all times.
5. Parents will not be considered as a sponsor of school clubs on campus. Parents will be considered as chaperones or volunteers for after school events or off campus events.
6. Anyone entering the school (students, staff members and visitors) will have their temperature checked on arrival.
7. Students who get sick while at school will be quarantined until they are picked up by a parent or a guardian.
8. Students must be dropped off and picked up at the vehicle drop-off/pick-up location. Students will have their temperature checked while still in their parent's car, or just outside the car, and before they are allowed inside the building. Students are not allowed to touch anyone else. Staff members will not touch students unless the health and safety of students or staff requires them to.
9. Teachers and custodians will clean/disinfect high-touch areas throughout the day.
 - a. The custodians will do a thorough cleaning every evening.
 - b. Students in grades 3 through 8 will be asked to help wipe down the desk or computer they used. Teachers will supervise the use of any cleaning materials.

10. Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout the school and classrooms and students will be encouraged to use them often. This should include any time the student/staff member enters the classroom, any time their mask is removed, and before eating.
11. Three students from the same class will be allowed in the communal restrooms at one time.
12. Students and staff members are encouraged to get the flu shot.
13. If a student has a fever and there is another student in the household, neither student will be allowed in school that day. If the student is diagnosed with something other than COVID, the other student in the household may return to school the next day if they are symptom free.

COVID 19 Resources

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/prepare-safe-return.html>

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fmanaging-stress-anxiety.html

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/for-parents.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/cloth-face-cover.html>

https://www.lebonheur.org/files/Back-to-School%20Task%20Force%20Le%20Bonheur%20Children%20s%20UTHSC%20Recommendation%20FINAL.pdf?utm_source=COVID+19%3A+Med+Staff+and+Community+Providers&utm_campaign=b896fcf88b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_02_23_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d06c9471a7-b896fcf88b-307169449

Testing locations

<https://www.lebonheur.org/your-visit/patient-and-family-safety/covid-19-testing-for-children>

Tipton County Health Department
4700 Mueller Brass Rd
Covington, TN 38019
901-476-0235
Mon-Fri 8a-2p
Call ahead for an appointment

Fast Pace Covington
1618 Highway 51 S, Covington, TN
[\(901\) 313-9274](tel:9013139274)

RedMed Atoka
11611 US-51, Atoka, TN 38004
(901) 842-1760

Tipton Christian Academy

Pandemic Policy Receipt

2020/2021

Acknowledgement of Parental/Guardian Responsibility

By signing below, it is understood that I/we have:

- read the TCA Student Pandemic Plan,
- understand, and
- agree to comply with the stated school policies and procedures.

Print Student's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date _____

Please sign and return this document to the school.