



TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN SUMMARY (August 20, 2021)

The Health and Safety Plan continues to include a multi-layered mitigation approach similar to last year's. Although we plan to offer in-person instruction in all school buildings five days per week, we may need to make quick adjustments due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19. The potential for future school closings and quarantining means that parents and staff need to be prepared for change, which may include moving to remote instruction for short or long periods of time.

EDUCATIONAL DELIVERY MODELS

In-person Instruction (K-12)

Students will attend school five days per week with appropriate layered mitigation strategies.

Trinity Cyber School (K-12)

Trinity will continue to provide a robust and engaging remote instruction option. Cyber students will follow a daily schedule from home, and participate in live, interactive instruction with Trinity teachers.

IN-PERSON SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Masks and Face Coverings

Per the CDC, Trinity Area recommends that all students and staff wear masks in school buildings. Currently, masks and face coverings are NOT mandated by the CDC, PA Department of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Governor, or Trinity Area School District. Pennsylvania's mandate for mask-wearing in schools ended on June 28, 2021. The current approved School and Safety Plan provides staff, parents, and students with the option to wear face masks at school.

Social Distancing

The District will continue to distance students and staff in classrooms to the greatest extent possible. Per the CDC, a distance of at least three feet is recommended. However, there will be times when students are less than three feet apart from each other.

Transportation

Parents are encouraged to transport their children to and from school whenever possible in order to limit the number of passengers riding buses. Currently, federal law requires all passengers and drivers to wear face masks/coverings on school buses. Therefore, Trinity students are required to wear masks at all times while riding a bus. To aid with contact tracing, students who ride the bus will be assigned seats.

Meal Service

Free meal service for all students will continue throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Health Screens

Each morning, parents are strongly encouraged to screen their children before sending them to school. Please keep sick children home. Additionally, parents are asked to notify the school nurse if: (1) a child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19; and/or (2) a member of the household has tested positive and the child is not fully vaccinated. Like last year, students' temperatures will be taken each morning as they enter their school buildings; students whose temperature readings indicate sickness will be sent to the nurse immediately.

Water Fountains

Until further notice, water fountains will not be operational. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home to fill as needed at the water bottle filling stations.

Disinfecting

The District will continue to clean and disinfect schools daily and particular attention will be paid to high touch surfaces and high traffic areas. Shared work spaces will be cleaned thoroughly before each use. Following the identification of a positive case, disinfecting protocols will be followed.

Gatherings

We will continue to plan social gatherings, events, assemblies, field trips, and extra-curricular activities by considering mitigation strategies: distancing; indoor versus outdoor; size of spaces; and number of participants, for example.

[Recess](#)

Elementary students will have the opportunity to participate in outdoor recess and will have access to the playground equipment. Students will practice proper hand hygiene before and after recess.

[School Volunteers](#)

Volunteers will be permitted in schools on a limited basis until further notice. Larger spaces, outdoor venues, social distancing, number of participants, and other mitigation strategies will be taken into consideration.

[Parent Meetings](#)

Until further notice, parent meetings/conferences will take place virtually to minimize the number of non-essential individuals entering a building during the school day. Principals may make an exception to permit an in-person meeting on a case-by-case basis.

[Notifications](#)

Upon confirmation of a positive case of COVID-19, parents of students and staff considered to be “close contacts” will be notified immediately by the school nurse or administration. Every Friday, the District will present general information to the school community about the number and location of cases via the Skylert system.

[Quarantining Flowchart](#)

The District will be utilizing a flowchart based on the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Department of Health located on the District website:

[TASD Close Contact Quarantine Guidelines](#)

Note: Students required to quarantine will receive their instruction asynchronously on Canvas during their time away from the school building.

District plans are subject to change based on county, state and national health organization mandates.