

Trinity Christian Academy COVID Procedure 2022 – 2023

COVID Symptoms – follow illness policies based on symptoms listed below.

COVID Exposure/Quarantine – healthy individuals do not need to quarantine even if COVID is in the household. If someone in the household is positive, other individuals in that household may attend school unless they *develop symptoms*. Follow illness policies based on symptoms for return.

COVID Positive – Individual may return after symptoms have been resolved or **MARKEDLY** improved for at least 24 hours. Positive cases should be reported via email to the clinic. There will be no expectation of a minimum amount of days out, **just symptom based**. Negative testing is **NOT** required. Please report student positives to the school clinic at schoolclinic@tcajax.org.

COVID Absences – COVID absences will be documented and show as an excused absence but will not count against a student’s overall record. The parent must contact the school clinic about the positive to reflect this in the student’s attendance record.

On Campus Testing & Contact Tracing – There will be no campus testing for COVID for students. There will be no contact tracing or quarantine for asymptomatic individuals regardless of exposure.

TCA ILLNESS POLICY SUMMARY:

- **Fever – Oral temperature 100.0 or higher** – Student may return when they have been fever-free for an entire 24-hour period without fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen.
- **COVID-19 Diagnosis or Testing** – Follow illness policies based on symptoms. Unless advised by school staff, testing is not required. ***If covid testing is opted for and the results are positive, contact the school clinic for return guidelines for all household members based on current protocols.***
- **Flu / Influenza** – Student may return under physician direction – **AND** – Symptoms have improved/resolved – **AND** – Follow fever guidelines.
- **Strep Throat or other Infections requiring antibiotics** – Student may return 24-hours after the first dose of medication was administered – **AND** – Follow fever guidelines.
- **Viral Sore Throats, Colds** – Student must be able to participate in all school activities. Symptoms should be minimal/resolved – **AND** - Coughs must be under control – **AND** – Follow fever guidelines.
- **Skin Infections (i.e. Staphylococcus, Impetigo, MRSA)** – Student may return 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotic was administered – **AND** – the wound is not draining. The wound should be covered during school. Contact sports should be avoided until the wound is healed.
- **Eye Infections/Conjunctivitis/Pink Eye** – Student may return 24-hours after the first dose of treatment is administered – **AND** – The eye(s) must be free of draining and discharge.
- **Vomiting and Diarrhea (two or more episodes):** – Student may return 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea – **AND** – have resumed a normal diet – **AND** – Follow fever guidelines.

Note that COVID policies are subject to change at any time.