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Please take a moment to review our updated COVID-19 practices.

Updated COVID-19 Practices:

COVID-19 Testing for Children with Symptoms

If your child has symptoms related to COVID-19 and testing is required for them to return to school, we will now accept a negative rapid test along with a doctor's note or a PCR test without a doctor's note.

COVID-19 Vaccine Symptoms and Health Screening

If you or someone in your household received the COVID-19 vaccine and are experiencing symptoms resulting in your inability to appropriately answer the health screening questions, please provide documentation of having received the vaccine. We will consider your symptoms for one week after the date each dose of the vaccine was administered during the health screening process.

Updated Guidance on Child Exclusion for a Runny Nose (*exclusion period reduced from 72 hours to 48 hours*)

If a child has the symptom of a runny nose **ALONE** (without a fever, another COVID-19 related symptom, or chest congestion), the child should be excluded for 48 hours and can return with a doctor's note stating the cause of the runny nose. If the cause is viral or bacterial; i.e., a cold or ear infection, the note will be good for two weeks (unless new symptoms develop.) If the cause is allergies, the note will be good for 60 days (unless new symptoms develop.)

*The child can return sooner than 48 hours if they obtain a doctor's note and receive a negative COVID-19 test; however, COVID-19 testing for a runny nose without another symptom is not required.

TCS Staff Vaccination Incentive

The Clifton School is providing a financial incentive for staff who are inoculated with the COVID-19 vaccine. Employees who are inoculated will be paid for up to two hours of time away from work to receive each dose of the vaccine and a \$100.00 incentive after receiving the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

TCS has partnered with Emory Healthcare for teachers to be vaccinated.

Updated Travel Policy

If you travel by plane, train, or bus domestically or internationally we ask that you follow the CDC's recommendations for quarantine and testing below. **(This does not apply to**

an individual who is fully vaccinated, and it does not apply if the enrolled child does not travel.)

You may have been exposed to COVID-19 on your travels. You may feel well and not have any symptoms, but you can still spread the virus to others. **You and your travel companions (including [children](#)) may pose a risk to your family, friends, and community after your travel.**

- [Get tested](#) with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
 - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
 - If your test is positive, [isolate](#) yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at [increased risk for severe illness](#) for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
- If you travel by car domestically, and maintain social distancing, and **do not** mix households, there is no need for quarantine.
- If you travel by car domestically and mix households, we ask that you get a Rapid or PCR test on the third day after your travel. Your child may then return to school with a negative test. **(Testing and quarantine are not required if ALL of the individuals you visited were fully vaccinated. If they have children in their household, then it is not considered a fully vaccinated household.)**
- **This also applies if individuals travel to visit your household, unless all of the individuals visiting you are fully vaccinated. If they have children, then they are not considered a fully vaccinated household.*

****A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the final dose, giving the body time to build antibodies against the virus.***

For more information on CDC's Travel guidelines visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/>