



Updated COVID-19 Policies

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Quarantine Guidance (for people who have been exposed to COVID-19)

- **Children ages 2 years and older** will quarantine for 5 days and return to school with a negative test each day on days 6-10. Families who choose to follow this shortened quarantine period can use home tests on days 6-10. The following process should be used to document the test results. Write the date and child's name on the **test swab packaging**. Place the completed test next to the swab packaging and take a picture. If the test is negative the child can come to school. Show the picture to an administrator upon arrival. If the test is positive, the child must enter a 10-day isolation period returning to school on day 11 without symptoms or a fever. If a child displays COVID-related symptoms, they cannot come to school even if they have a negative test result. If a child develops COVID symptoms during the school day, they will be separated from the group and will need to be picked up from school within the hour. It is important to be truthful with this practice. Misrepresentation of test results can result in dismissal from TCS. Families may choose to follow a 10-day quarantine period.
- Children under two years old will quarantine for 7 days and test on days 6 or 7. They can return to school with a negative test and no COVID-19 symptoms on day 8. If the test result is positive, they will enter a 10-day isolation period returning to school on day 11 without symptoms or a fever. (Home tests are not FDA-approved for children under two years old, and the children cannot adhere to strict mask-wearing.)
- If a family has a child younger than 2 years old and another child older than 2 years old: the older child may follow the 5-day quarantine schedule.
- **Individuals who had a confirmed case of COVID-19** in the last 90 days do not need to quarantine or get tested **unless they begin to develop symptoms**.
- Families in need of a home test may get one from the school at no charge while supplies last.
- **These practices are subject to change based on community transmission and variant impact.**

Important information

For children and staff who are unable to consistently wear a mask when around others (including all children under 2 years of age) **the safest option** is to continue to quarantine for a full 10 days. The children who are following the 5-day quarantine period will **NOT** wear masks during meals/snacks, outside time, and nap time. There may be other times when a child's mask is temporarily out of place. This is why we will use testing as a mitigation strategy however, testing is not foolproof. There can be false results and some children may start the day negative and become positive during the school day.

Information on N95 masks for children

While N95 masks are ideal for adults, the FDA does not recommend them for children. The data on N95 use in children is inconsistent thus far. One study found that children's breathing was not adversely affected during mild exercise while wearing an N95 mask, but another study found that children's breathing rates were higher with the mask on. There have not been any clinical studies on KN95 masks in children, so we really don't know if they are safe.

Isolation (for people who have tested positive for COVID-19)

Day 0 is the day of your positive viral test (based on the date you were tested), and day 1 is the first full day after the specimen was collected for your positive test.

- All children who have tested positive for COVID will still isolate for 10 days. They do not need to test after 10 days. However, they must be symptom and fever-free for 24 hours before returning.
- These practices are subject to change.

Sibling and Special Circumstances Quarantine Guidelines

- If a child enrolled at TCS has direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or someone who is considered to have a presumptive case, outside of TCS then they are required to follow a 10 day quarantine period.
- However, if their enrolled sibling did not have direct contact then the sibling does not have to quarantine or test for COVID-19.
- If both children have direct contact with someone outside of school or in their home, then both children are required to follow a 10 day quarantine period.
- If someone in the home has direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, the children are considered secondary contacts and do not have to quarantine.
- If the primary contact in the household tests positive or is considered to have a presumptive case (displaying COVID-19 related symptoms), then they will begin a 10-day isolation period, and the other members of the household attending the program will quarantine for 10 days.
- If at any point the child who is considered a secondary contact develops any COVID-19 related symptoms, they should not come to school.
- Please be sure to notify an administrator if an individual in the home is in quarantine. We may request documentation to ensure that the child enrolled at TCS has not become a direct contact.

Direct Contact:

1. Within 6 feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for a cumulative 15 minutes over a 24-hour period or longer, from 2 days prior to onset of symptoms until the end of home isolation.
2. You provided care at home to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

3. You had direct physical contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive or suspected positive.
4. You shared eating or drinking utensils with someone who is COVID-19 positive or suspected positive.
5. They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you.

Secondary Contact:

1. A person who is in direct contact with a person who had a primary exposure.

Updated Travel Policy

Travel restrictions will be enforced when our community (DeKalb County) or the community you are traveling to with your child has a community code of RED based on the CDC's community guidelines. If the above criteria is in place when you travel with your child then we will follow the CDC's guidelines for travel.