

Treutlen County Schools Traditional School Guidelines 2020-2021

Parent Responsibilities

- Provide and encourage your child to wear a mask while riding the bus.
- Parents are encouraged to purchase masks that best meet the needs of their child.
- Remind your child to let his/her teacher know if he/she feels ill.
- Take your child's temperature daily and do not send your child to school if he/she is experiencing any of the following symptoms: Fever—100.4, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste and/or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/ or diarrhea.
- Teach and reinforce proper hygiene measures (handwashing, use of face coverings, appropriate actions when sneezing, coughing) to your child.
- Remind your child to keep hands away from his/her mouth and not to touch others.

Schools

- As students enter the building, they will immediately report to their designated area once temperatures have been taken.
- Soap and towel dispensers will be checked routinely to ensure adequate supply.
- Students should report issues in regards to restrooms to their teacher or other staff member.
- All traditional water fountains will be disabled.
- Students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home.
- Students must use bottle fillers to obtain water. The school will have limited bottle refilling stations.
- To promote COVID-19 protective measures, signs will be posted in highly visible locations throughout each building.
- Heating and Air systems will be programmed to provide increased air circulation throughout the building.

Classrooms

- Classroom desks and classroom fixtures will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.
- To the extent possible, classroom configurations will support social distancing.
- Sharing of personal items in classrooms will be discouraged.
- Class sizes will be balanced to the extent possible in order to promote social distancing within the classroom.
- All classes will be required to use Google Classroom in case we are forced to close at a later date.
- Staff will teach and reinforce good hygiene practices (handwashing, use of face coverings, appropriate actions when sneezing, coughing).
- Each classroom will have access to a hand sanitizing station.

Student Transitions and Recess

- Student movement outside of the classroom during instruction will be limited.
- Surfaces that are frequently touched during transitions will be routinely cleaned and disinfected.
- Class changes and transitions within the school will be intentionally reviewed/monitored at each school, and to the extent possible, practices will be put in place to promote social distancing and separation of students.
- Schools will create a plan to limit the number of students in a bathroom at any given time.
- Recess will continue at elementary schools, but the number of students at recess at a single time will be limited and students will have multiple recess locations.
- Parts of the playground and/or equipment may be prohibited at various times.
- After any physical activity, students will be required to sanitize their hands.

Breakfast and Lunch

- Breakfast and lunch procedures will be developed in cooperation with the Principal and the district's School Nutrition Director.
- No self-serve options will be offered to students or staff.
- To ensure the safety of children, to the extent possible, students may eat in classrooms or in cafeteria with spaced seating if feasible.
- General USDA Federal Guidelines will be observed.

Student Safety

- Face masks are required for all students while riding the bus. Face masks are encouraged for all but not required in the school building.
- At times where social distancing is possible, teachers will work on providing face mask breaks throughout the day.
- Accommodations will be made for students or employees who are unable to wear a mask for documented health reasons.
- Any content on the face mask and/or style of face mask must meet the Treutlen County Schools dress code requirements listed in the student handbook.

Athletics

- Athletic conditioning, practices and contests will operate under guidance provided by the Georgia High School Association.
- Student and staff temperatures will be taken daily at practice.
- Schools will increase disinfection procedures in locker rooms and the weight room.

Visitor Expectations

- Any parent or visitor needing to meet with an employee will be required to have an appointment. Staff may not be available to meet the day of the request.
- All visitors/volunteers will be required to wear masks and have their temperature taken before meeting with staff. Visitors will not be allowed to visit classrooms.

- Guest speakers/teachers or third party representatives will be required to wear masks and have their temperature taken before meeting with students or staff.
- All volunteers will be required to schedule their time with the school prior to volunteering.
- Visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations will be limited.

Student Transportation

- Early checkouts must contact the school prior to arrival/checkout.
- Only one person will be allowed in the front office lobby at a time, and a face mask must be worn.

Bus Riders

- Student temperatures will be checked daily (as students get on the bus).
- Every bus will be equipped with disinfectant and will be disinfected each day after each route.
- The bus driver will utilize spaced seating (to extent reasonable) and students will have assigned seats by family.
- Drivers will open windows to promote air circulation.
- Bus drivers, monitors, and students will be required to wear face coverings.
- Students will be asked to keep their hands to themselves and face forward throughout the trip to school and home.
- Field trips will be suspended.

Car Riders/Student Drivers

- Once parked on campus, students should exit the vehicle and report to his/her designated area in the building (temperatures will be checked as students enter the building).
- We discourage non-family members carpooling to the extent possible.

Student Illness

- Do not bring your child to school if he/she is exhibiting symptoms (symptomatic) with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19. He/she may return if 1) Fever free for at least 48 hours WITHOUT use of fever reducing medications AND shows improvement of respiratory symptoms AND 2) At least 14 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- If COVID-19 positive, do not bring your child to school if he/she is exhibiting NO symptoms (asymptomatic) with confirmed COVID-19.
- If COVID-19 positive, he/she may return if at least 14 days have passed since the date of the laboratory test (not the date of the results) and child remains asymptomatic. Note: asymptomatic persons who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidelines above for symptomatic persons.
- Keep your child home for 14 days from the date of close contact with an individual who has a confirmed COVID-19 test. Close contact is defined as: 1) Being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 15 minutes without a mask or other health protective equipment, 2) Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19, 3) Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19.

- The school principal and nurse will identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-19 like symptoms.
- School nurse will use standard and transmission-based precautions when caring for sick people.
- The school nurse will assess the health risk based on the COVID-19 questionnaire and utilizing typical medical protocols for diagnosis.
- School nurse will contact the parent of a sick child. The nurse will communicate the details to the principal as well as be the main point of contact.

Positive Cases

- If a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 occurs, notification will be sent home by the school regarding possible contact.
- The Department of Public Health (DPH) is responsible for contact tracing and the school will support DPH in their efforts.
- If a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 occurs, the Treutlen County Schools COVID-19 custodial staff will complete a deep cleaning in areas of the building that might be impacted.
- The number of positive COVID-19 cases (students/staff) could have an impact on the school's ability to remain open.

As new data emerges, the structure of schooling may change and differ from current guidelines. The Treutlen County School System community will be informed if any changes become necessary.