

TCSD Safe Return to In-Person School and Continuity of Services Plan for 2021-2022

Last Updated: September 14, 2021

Board Approved: September 14, 2021

Academic Program:

- Traditional Face to Face
 - For the 2021-2022 school, Tate County School District will implement traditional face-to-face five days a week of instruction.
 - Social distancing will be implemented when possible.
 - Summer Learning will be provided during the Summer of 2021 and 2022 to provide additional help with learning loss.
 - Potential hiring of personnel (interventionist).
 - Provide instructional coaches for teacher and administrator support.
 - Issue devices to all students and teachers for virtual learning as a contingency plan for unforeseen closures.
 - Tate County School District will implement Google Classroom for our Learning Management System to monitor student progress and ensure quality instruction.
 - Administrators will continue to conduct staff observation and evaluation of all teachers regardless of in person or virtual learning.
 - Throughout the school year of 20-21 and continuing through 21-22, Tate County School District will conduct surveys, meetings, and needs assessments with parents, teachers, students, health officials, community stakeholders, other school districts, MDH, MHSAA, and the MDE to better understand their concerns and seek counsel to ensure we are taking all precautions and following all guidelines.

Operations

- Upon arrival, students' temperatures will be checked daily.
- Student dismissal will be staggered.
- Tate County School District highly recommends that parents transport their children to and from school; however, transportation will be provided to all students. Each bus will be sanitized after morning and afternoon routes once all students have exited the buses. Seating charts will be developed and maintained daily to ensure as much social distancing as possible.

- The number of students entering and using restroom facilities will be reduced to ensure social distancing.
- Breakfast for all students will continue to be a grab-n-go from the cafeteria to their classroom.
- Lunch will return to grab-n-go and eat in the cafeteria.
- The Tate County School District calendar can be found at www.tatecountyschools.org

Family and Community Support

- Tate County School District will maintain communication through social media, website, and School Status to offer support and guidance. Schools will also send home printed materials, as needed. Teachers and administrators will provide assistance as requested by parents.
- Throughout the school year of 20-21 and continuing through 21-22, Tate County School District will conduct surveys, meetings, and needs assessments with parents, teachers, students, health officials, community stakeholders, other school districts, MDH, MHSAA, and the MDE to better understand their concerns and seek counsel to ensure we are taking all precautions and following all guidelines.
- Visitors will have limited access. Visitors must make an appointment ahead of time. Unscheduled visitors will only be allowed for special occasions set forth ahead of time by the school administration.

Communications

- Tate County School District will maintain communication through social media, website, and School Status concerning healthy behaviors. Schools will also send home printed letters, as needed. Teachers and administrators will be responsible for verifying contact in School Status throughout the year.
- Tate County School District will maintain communication through social media, website, and School Status concerning any safety issues or changes in the district's regular operating schedule. Schools will also send home printed letters, as needed

Health and Safety

- Parents are encouraged to self-report symptoms of illness to the school.
- An isolation room will be designated for students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 while they wait on their parent/guardian to pick them up.
- Tate County School District has provided training for social, emotional, mental health, and other needs of students and staff during the 2020-2021 school year. The district will continue the training and collaborate with mental health agencies. Counselors are also available at each school to address needs.
- The district will be replacing outdated HVAC systems with updated systems with ESSER II and III.
- Tate County School District recommends self screening at home by both students and staff.
- Upon arrival students' temperatures will be checked daily. Staff will complete a Covid-19 Self-Check Assurance Form.
- Tate County School District will implement wearing of masks inside school facilities and on buses.
- Tate County School District will clean/disinfect buildings and high touch surfaces frequently, clean/disinfect buses after each route, and provide PPE.

- Staff and students with underlying health conditions in the traditional face to face school setting will have access to hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to keep areas clean.
- TCSD follows MSDH's guidelines of indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.
- The Superintendent is responsible for overseeing health and safety within the school district.
- Tate County School District will clean regularly, provide hand sanitizer, and encourage social distancing.
- Students and staff will still be quarantined according to MSDH requirements.
 - Following MSDH recommendations, a fully vaccinated person student or staff in close contact with an infected person do NOT have to quarantine unless they develop symptoms.
 - Unvaccinated students and staff who are to be quarantined must be quarantined for 10 day if the individual has no symptoms during the entire 10 day period.

Technology

- Tate County School District will provide devices to enhance in person and virtual learning.
- Throughout the school year of 20-21 and continuing through 21-22, Tate County School District will conduct surveys, meetings, and needs assessments with parents, teachers, students, health officials, community stakeholders, other school districts, MDH, MHSAA, and the MDE to better understand their needs in utilizing technology to enhance in person learning and support virtual learning.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments feel free to contact us via email at Covid19@tcsdms.org.