

THE TINTON FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Tinton Falls Students:

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. We are all looking forward to a healthy and productive school year. These are a few reminders from the nurse's office to help you navigate your child's health this year.

Please be advised that some of this information is subject to change with updated orders and guidance. The current [Department of Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) which was updated August 31, 2021, is being used for the COVID health recommendations.

Health Checks: Although we are not using the Genesis parent portal health screening app daily, we need the support of our parents to continue to monitor how their child is feeling. **If your child is not feeling well, they should not come to school.** Please call the attendance line to report your child's absence and provide the nurse with information regarding the illness. It is critical that we have the information as soon as possible. **Please be advised of the COVID-19 exclusion symptoms.**

- Category A: At least **two** of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose;* OR
- Category B: At least **one** of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder.*

*For students with chronic illness, only new symptoms or symptoms worse than baseline should be used to fulfill symptom-based exclusion criteria.

If your child is experiencing these COVID-19 exclusion symptoms, they will need to be tested for COVID-19. For symptoms in Category A (see above), a rapid test can be used. For symptoms in Category B (see above) a PCR test is required. Please provide a copy of the test results or information from your pediatrician to the school nurse's office before your child returns to school. If you need help obtaining a COVID-19 test, please contact the nurse's office.

If your child tests **negative for COVID-19**, they may return to school when fever-free for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications.

If your child tests **positive for COVID-19**, they will need to **isolate** for the time required by the New Jersey Department of Health ([based on CALI levels](#)). They should self-isolate from other

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family members in the household as much as possible to still receive the care needed. **Immediately** report a positive test result to the nurse's office with a copy of the positive test result. This is critical as it begins the contact tracing process with the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission (MCRHC). Once this information is received at the nurse's office, a quarantine timeline will be provided.

Students who are in isolation because of a positive test result will participate in remote instruction. However, documentation of their positive test results needs to be provided to the nurse's office to begin this protocol.

Close Contact with a COVID-19 Positive Person: If your **unvaccinated child** has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please notify the nurse's office immediately. This will result in a quarantine status. The information shared with the nurse's office will begin the protocol to allow the student to participate in remote instruction for the quarantine period.

If your unvaccinated child had COVID within the last three months, they do not need to quarantine but a copy of the positive test results will need to be shared with the school nurse.

****Only students with a laboratory-confirmed positive case of COVID-19 or a confirmed close contact will be allowed to participate in remote instruction.****

Students who become ill at school: If your child becomes ill at school, we will request that they be picked up immediately. If your child is showing COVID-19 Exclusion Symptoms (from the list above), they will be moved to an isolation space and supervised. Please make sure your contact and emergency contact information is up to date in our Genesis Parent Portal so we can get in touch with you immediately. You may update this information by contacting the main office or adjusting the phone numbers in the parent portal.

Handwashing: Please practice handwashing at home, especially for our little ones. Make it a fun game by singing the happy birthday song while they are washing their hands with soap and water. They will be asked to wash/sanitize their hands thoroughly throughout the day.

Hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the buildings and in the classroom. However, students in grade 2 and up are encouraged to bring their own sanitizer as well.

Medical Records: Please provide updated medical records to the nurse's office, including updated vaccinations. This includes information if your child is vaccinated for COVID-19. Although the COVID-19 vaccine is not required or available to many students, it is important information for us to have on file.

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Students with Asthma: There will be no use of nebulizers in the nurse's office. Please provide an inhaler and a spacer if necessary.

Travel: Currently there is no travel quarantine required for domestic travel. The need to quarantine for International Travel will be assessed with the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission for guidance.

Please keep this contact information for the nurse's office and attendance line for each of our schools.

School	Nurse's Name	Phone Number	Email
Mahala F. Atchison School	Mrs. Daphne Keller Mrs. Erin Wood	732-542-2500 Prompt 2 (Attendance Line) Prompt 3 (Nurse's Office)	Dkeller@tfschools.org Ewood@tfschools.org
Swimming River School	Mrs. Donna Welch	732-460-2416 Prompt 2 (Attendance Line) Prompt 3 (Nurse's Office)	Dwelch@tfschools.org
Tinton Falls Middle School	Mrs. Kathleen Nevins	732-542-0775 Prompt 2 (Attendance Line) Prompt 3 (Nurse's Office)	Knevins@tfschools.org

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Everyone working together will support a healthy school environment. Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions regarding your child's health. We are here to help you! Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lisa Goldey, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Steve Miller, School Physician

Mrs. Kathy Nevins, School Nurse TFMS

Mrs. Donna Welch, School Nurse, SRS

Mrs. Daphne Keller, School Nurse, MFA

Mrs. Erin Wood, School Nurse, MFA