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Covid-19 Information Regarding Health and Safety at School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to the TINTON FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT for the 2020-2021 school year. We want to make you aware of the new information and procedures pertaining to health and safety in our schools. If you have questions, we are here to help and support your child's health needs. Our new information and procedures are based on information provided by the CDC, New Jersey Department of Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Road Back Document provided by the New Jersey Department of Education. Please review the information very carefully.

Every day, parents will need to complete the health screening tool found in the [Genesis Parent Portal](#). Please follow prompts to "forms". Every student will need to be checked-in each day they attend in-person school. If you need additional directions on using this tool, [here is a pdf file with step by step instructions](#). A daily screening tool is required within the health and safety guidance provided in the NJDOE Road Back Document. If not screened at home, a student will NOT be permitted to stay in class. Students will be sent to the Health Office and their parent will be contacted to answer screening questions. Students' temperature screening will be done by the school nurse.

Face coverings are mandatory for attendance at school and will be worn all day when indoors and while on the bus. We must have a note from the physician if a face covering is not able to be worn by anyone in the building. Face shields are not an appropriate or acceptable substitute for a face covering. In addition to mask, social distancing will be implemented in classes, hallways, and other areas by using one-way hallways and seating six feet apart. In order to protect students' health needs, any child known to be medically fragile will be requested to obtain a doctor's note to attend school.

PARENTS, if you are symptomatic, or have had potential exposure to and/or tested positive for Covid-19, KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HOME. Please see the [New Jersey Department of Health Guidelines](#) for more information about your child's quarantine period. Other ways we will support students' health include:

- If your child is sick or not feeling well during the night or early morning, please keep them home and continue school instruction virtually. Please contact the classroom teacher and the school nurse.
- Children with temperatures of 100.3 or higher will be sent home, as well as those with symptoms related to Covid-19. See [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#) for a full list of symptoms.
- If the nurse requests a child to go home due to illness, we ask parents to arrange for pick up as soon as possible or at most, within 30 minutes of the call.
- When a student is identified as having any symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day,

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they will immediately be isolated from a healthy population.

- Nebulizers will not be used in school during this time. Students will need an inhaler (and spacer if necessary) in addition to their Asthma Treatment Plan.
- If a positive case of Covid-19 is reported, a letter will be sent to notify parents of the students who have been in close contact at school or on the bus. The Monmouth County Health Department will be made aware and they will follow up with contact tracing.
- Ways to minimize spread include proper handwashing, use of face coverings, avoidance of touching your face and social distancing. Hand sanitizer stations will be available for use throughout the school buildings. Cleaning of classrooms, hallways, bathrooms and touchable surfaces will occur daily and more often as needed. Ventilation systems use HEPA filters and windows will be open to provide cross ventilation and air circulation.
- Parent access to the building will be limited to the entrance and a staff member will assist with child pickup/dropoff and material dropoff.
- Counseling will be available to students and staff to minimize initial and ongoing stressors associated with COVID-19.
- If you are traveling out of state, quarantine for 14 days upon return home may be necessary per New Jersey state recommendations. [Click here](#) for the most up-to-date list of those states.

Please Note: Routine Physical Exam including height, weight, blood pressure, hearing and vision screenings and immunizations are still required. Please make the necessary appointments to maintain your child's vaccination schedule. Provide documentation to your school's nurse. CH-14, Universal Child Health Record

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year and appreciate your cooperation with our health and safety practices.

Sincerely,
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