

Trion City Schools

Covid 19 Protocols 2021-2022

Masks:

- Masks will be optional for students and staff

Vaccinations:

- Vaccinations are recommended but not required for employees or students.

Quarantine:

- Students or staff who test positive for Covid 19 will continue to follow the Department of Public Health guidelines (10 days since symptoms first appeared and be fever free, without use of fever reducing medications for 24 hours).
- Trion City Schools will not issue mandatory quarantines to students or staff for close contact at school. When principals are informed of a positive case among students or staff, they will notify all close contacts, staff and students, and send notification to the parents of the students who came in close contact. Parents should monitor for symptoms, but no precautionary quarantines will be required. This is the same State mandated practice that Trion City Schools follows for other serious communicable diseases.
- If a student or staff member has someone in their household who tests positive for Covid 19, the student or staff member should quarantine, unless they have been vaccinated or have tested positive within the last 3 months. A doctor's note stating that the student or staff member should quarantine should be provided to the principal of the school (10 day quarantine period, or 7 days if test shows negative after 5th day.)

Operating Procedures:

- Schools will return to their normal operating procedures for lunchtime and bell schedules.
- Field trips and assemblies will resume as pre-Covid.
- Special events will be open to parents and families.
- Parent volunteers will be permitted to work throughout the school.
- Visitors must check in through the front office when entering the building.

Trion City School Investments:

- Continue with increased cleaning and sanitizing at all schools.
- Continue to provide hand sanitizer for each classroom.
- Social distancing of 3' will be promoted.
- Ventilation filters changed more frequently
- Water fountains have been replaced with water filling stations. Any water fountain that has a mouthpiece for drinking will continue to be unusable. Students and staff must use the water bottle filling stations.

Additional Information:

Trion City Schools will continue to closely monitor Covid-19 cases in Chattooga County and in our schools. The protocols to begin the 2021-2022 school year could change according to circumstances.

