

Thomas-Fay-Custer Unified Schools

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It is our goal to ensure all students are as safe as possible while providing the best quality education as they attend TFC Schools. It is with this in mind that we provide the following details as it pertains to handling positive COVID cases as we begin the 2021-2022 school year. Please keep in mind that we will constantly monitor our local situation and these details may change if the situation warrants. The COVID protocols will be as follows:

- Based on guidance from the State Health Department, quarantines will be recommended, but not required, for any individual who has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case.
 - Quarantine is for those exposed to a positive case. Isolation is for those who have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Based on State Health Department and CDC guidelines, individuals who are fully vaccinated will not need to quarantine if they have been exposed, as long as they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms begin, the person will need to isolate until they can test or receive a diagnosis from a health care provider.
- Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test will be required to isolate for 10 days or until they have been fever free for 48 hours. This isolation will be for any positive case, even those who have been vaccinated.
- The school will notify parents if their child has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case. We will give guidance based on current CDC and State Health Department protocols to determine the best plan of action. Once again, current guidance calls for a recommended quarantine of 7 days with a negative test after the 5th day of quarantine or 10 days with no test. This quarantine is recommended but not required. Parents who choose for their student to not quarantine will be asked to sign a waiver stating this choice.
- Oklahoma State Law states that face coverings will not be required in school facilities or buses for students or staff. However, it is encouraged that patrons and students wear a mask to help protect themselves and others.
- Persons with COVID symptoms or symptoms of any other infectious disease should stay home until symptom free for 48 hours.

We will adhere to these guidelines for the immediate future or until it is necessary to make changes to this process.

Please be assured, Thomas Fay Custer Schools will continue to thoroughly clean and sanitize our facilities on a regular basis to provide the best possible environment for our students. We will also be encouraging frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer. Social distancing will be practiced in all possible locations for students and teachers.

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