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2020-2021 COVID Precautions

Due to the novelty of the COVID Pandemic in our country right now, Tinora Middle School will be implementing several precautionary measures to protect our students from contracting COVID-19. These measures will temporarily supersede our Tinora Middle School Handbook. These measures are also subject to change as new Health Mandates are issued and more information becomes available about this virus.

1. TMS will not allow visitors other than those necessary to the education of our students into the school building for the 2020-2021 school year or until the health emergency has passed. Those visitors deemed necessary will undergo a health screening before entering.
2. All TMS teachers will conduct and document a personal health screen before arriving for work each morning.
3. Parents are asked to check their student for symptoms including a fever before sending them to school each morning. If a student is showing any symptoms, please have them checked by a health professional.
4. Students are encouraged to carry all school supplies and materials with them in a bookbag during the school day to limit time and congestion in our halls. Students will all be assigned one locker to store jackets and materials that are needed before/after the school day.
5. Students will not attend field trips during the first quarter of the school year. This will be reevaluated throughout the year.
6. If your student is quarantined by your doctor or the Health Department due to COVID exposure, please provide notification from your doctor or the Health Department that the student is being quarantined. With this documentation, these absence hours will not be counted as excessive absent hours. Please

follow all guidance from your doctor and the Health Department regarding COVID-19 and when the student may return to school.

7. Governor DeWine issued a mandate requiring masks to be worn by all during the school day. He also mandated that a face shield is not to replace masks. All students must bring a clean mask to school and wear it to, during, and from school. The mask should completely cover the student's nose and mouth. The mask design must also follow the school dress code. Students should bring an extra clean mask in case their mask becomes soiled. It is recommended to wash/sanitize masks after each day of use.
8. Students will have assigned seats in all classrooms to limit and monitor the number of individuals they are in close contact with. Students must remain in these assigned seats and not move to other locations without the permission of the classroom teacher. If a student has a problem with their seating assignment, they should address it with the classroom teacher before or after class.
9. Students will also have assigned seats in the lunchroom. Students will choose a small group of students to sit with on the first day of school. This will be the group and table that the student must sit at each day. If a student has a problem with their seating assignment, they should address it with the lunch monitor before or after lunch.
10. All surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized frequently throughout the school day.
11. Students must arrive at school no earlier than 7:50 a.m. Students arriving before 7:50 a.m. must remain in their cars. When students enter the building, they may drop things in their locker and then go directly to their first period class. If a student is purchasing breakfast, they must first go to the cafeteria to get the grab and go meal. They will take their breakfast with them to the first period class to eat. Students are not to congregate in groups outside the building, in the halls, or other areas of the school.
12. Dismissal times will be staggered to reduce the number of students in the halls. Grades 5 and 6 will be dismissed at 3:05 and grades 7 and 8 at 3:09.