

2020-2021 COVID Tinora High School Precautions

Due to the novelty of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tinora High School will be implementing several precautionary measures to help to try to protect our students from contracting COVID-19. The following adjustments will temporarily override rules located in the Tinora High School Handbook.

****These measures are also subject to change as new health mandates from the Ohio Department of Health and/or the Defiance County Health Department are issued as more information becomes available concerning COVID-19.**

1. Tinora High School will not allow visitors, other than those necessary to the education of our students, into the school building for the 2020-2021 school year. Visitors deemed necessary will undergo a health screening before entering. This will be continuously reevaluated as the school year progresses.
2. All Tinora High School staff will conduct and document a personal health screen before coming to school each morning.
3. Parents are asked to complete a health check on their child 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 hallways. Students will all be assigned one locker to store jackets and other materials that are needed before/after the school day.
5. Field trips will not occur during the first quarter of the school year. This will be reevaluated as the school year progresses.
6. If your child is quarantined by your doctor or the Health Department due to COVID exposure, please provide notification from your doctor or the Health Department that your child 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 concerning when your child 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, mouth, and chin. The mask design must also follow the school dress code. Students should bring an extra mask in case their mask becomes dirty. 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 for the remainder of the year. If a student has a problem with their seating assignment, they should address it with the lunch monitor before or after lunch. Tinora High School will be placing tables in both the cafeteria and middle school gym to try to decrease the number of students eating together during 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 vehicles or parent's vehicles. When students enter the building, they may put items 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 their first period class to eat. Students are not to congregate in groups outside the building, in the halls, or other areas of the school. Students must also exit the building as quickly as possible at the end of the day.
12. High school study hall sizes have been decreased as much as possible to try to limit the number of students in Study Hall. Study Halls will occur in classrooms as opposed to one big area as has been in the past. Some study halls have been divided into 2 sections to accommodate this change, so 2 classrooms will be utilized during these times.
13. Class dismissal times will be staggered in order to try to decrease the number of students in the hallways at one time. Classroom teachers will dismiss half of their class 2-3 minutes before the normal bell would ring, while the other half of the class will be dismissed when the bell rings. Theoretically, this should cut students in the hallway at any given time down to 50% of what would normally occur.
14. Dismissal times will be staggered to reduce the number of students in the halls. High School students that drive to school will be dismissed at 3:09 while students that ride the bus or get picked up will be dismissed at 3:12. Middle school students will be dismissed prior to that in order to try to decrease the amount of students leaving the building at one time.