



TWIN TIERS
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**Reentry Plan
2020-2021**

Twin Tiers Christian Academy 2020 Reentry Plan

Over the past few months, we have learned more than ever that we cannot count on tomorrow. We can make plans and anticipate what may come, but ultimately it is our God who determines the steps of man. It is with that understanding in mind and a willingness to be flexible that we at TTCA have put together this plan to reenter our building for a safe and effective face-to-face education. Our school's staff and administration will continue to monitor guidance from the CDC, our state, and public health officials and will adjust this plan accordingly.

We firmly believe that a student is best served spiritually, academically, socially, and psychologically when an education is delivered in-person rather than virtually. Therefore, we plan to welcome back families of all 7th through 12th graders on **September 8th** for a Chromebook distribution meeting (details will be forthcoming), and we plan to welcome **ALL** students on **September 9th** for our first day of school.

Important Dates



First of two
Chromebook Distributions for
Grades 7-12 (and at least one parent)
Details to follow



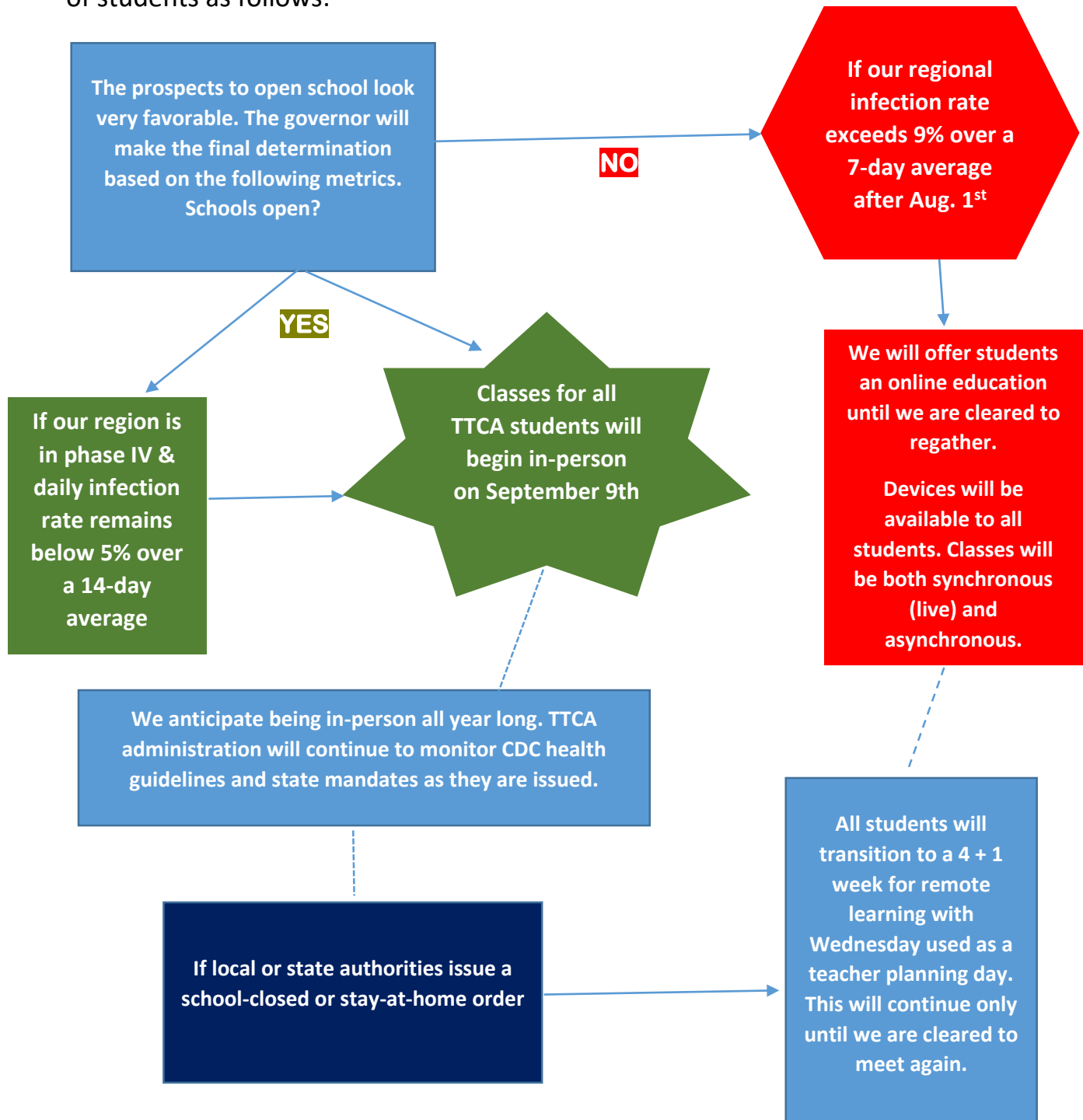
Opening Day
All Students Report
Grades 5-12

***NOTE:** This guide is intended as a living document and will be periodically updated in order to ensure the most current guidelines are in place.

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Reentry Approach

To properly safeguard our community during the resumption of on-campus learning, specific health precautions and safety procedures which are in accordance with health guidelines will be required. To meet the needs of our students and to the extent we are allowed by law, TTCA will plan for the reentry of students as follows:



Physical Distancing

- Classroom seating will be reconfigured to maximize distancing
- All desks will either face the same direction or, in some rooms, barriers may be used
- Larger meeting rooms (incl. the gym) used for larger groups
- The number of people in the restroom at one time will be limited
- Use of shared supplies will be minimized
 - Individual use of school supplies – pens, pencils, calculators, etc.
 - Art supplies will be individualized
- Lunches will be served in the kitchen galley, as normal, equipped with sneeze guards
 - Students will maintain physical distancing in line with a single direction of flow
- Cafeteria has been arranged to maximize physical distancing
 - Multiple lunch periods (three rather than two) for more spacing
- Lockers: Locker use will be minimized and students will be assigned specific times to go to their lockers. Students will be assigned lockers that are distanced apart for safety.
- Traffic flow will be managed
 - One-way traffic flow in certain, congested areas – i.e. specified down and up staircases for the lower level
 - Where two-way traffic is required, all will be asked to walk on the right side of the hallway
- Chapel seating arranged to ensure physical distancing
- To avoid crowding in changing rooms, students can wear their PE clothes to school on PE days as long as warm-up pants, sweatpants, etc., are worn over their shorts.

Athletics and School Events

- We anticipate that athletic events will continue; however, we are waiting for specific guidance from state and local authorities.
- As of this writing, our fall soccer season will continue as scheduled.
- During the first semester, the following will be cancelled:
 - Field trips
 - The overnight trip to Camp Lamoka
 - Christmas concert
- No decisions have been made in regard to second-semester events

Personal Hygiene



- Handwashing will be emphasized
- Students and staff will be encouraged to wash hands every two hours
- Touch-free paper towel dispensers have been installed in restrooms
- Touch-free hand sanitizer dispensers are installed in common areas and throughout the building
- All classrooms will have hand sanitizer



- Per state guidance, all staff and students will need to wear a mask or face covering when physical distancing is not possible
- The mask or covering can be removed when physically distanced – i.e. when seated in the classroom if distanced, when seated at lunch, etc.
- Masks must be in place as students move about the room or in the halls
- We understand that prolonged use of a mask or covering can be difficult, and we will provide flexibility by meeting physical-distancing guidelines
- We are happy to sell custom-made TTCA face masks available in our office for \$7. Preorders are being accepted (one of two options shown).
- If a student is without a mask, a disposable mask will be provided at no charge.
- TTCA will foster a culture of acceptance about mask-wearing. Anyone who elects to wear a face mask more than is required will be allowed and encouraged to do so.



- Drinking fountains will be closed, initially
- A hands-free, water bottle filling station has been installed
- Students are to bring a water bottle from home
- If a student should forget a water bottle, one can be purchased from the office for \$3. The charge will be added to the family's FACTS account.
- Cups will be provided by the office at no charge.

Cleaning



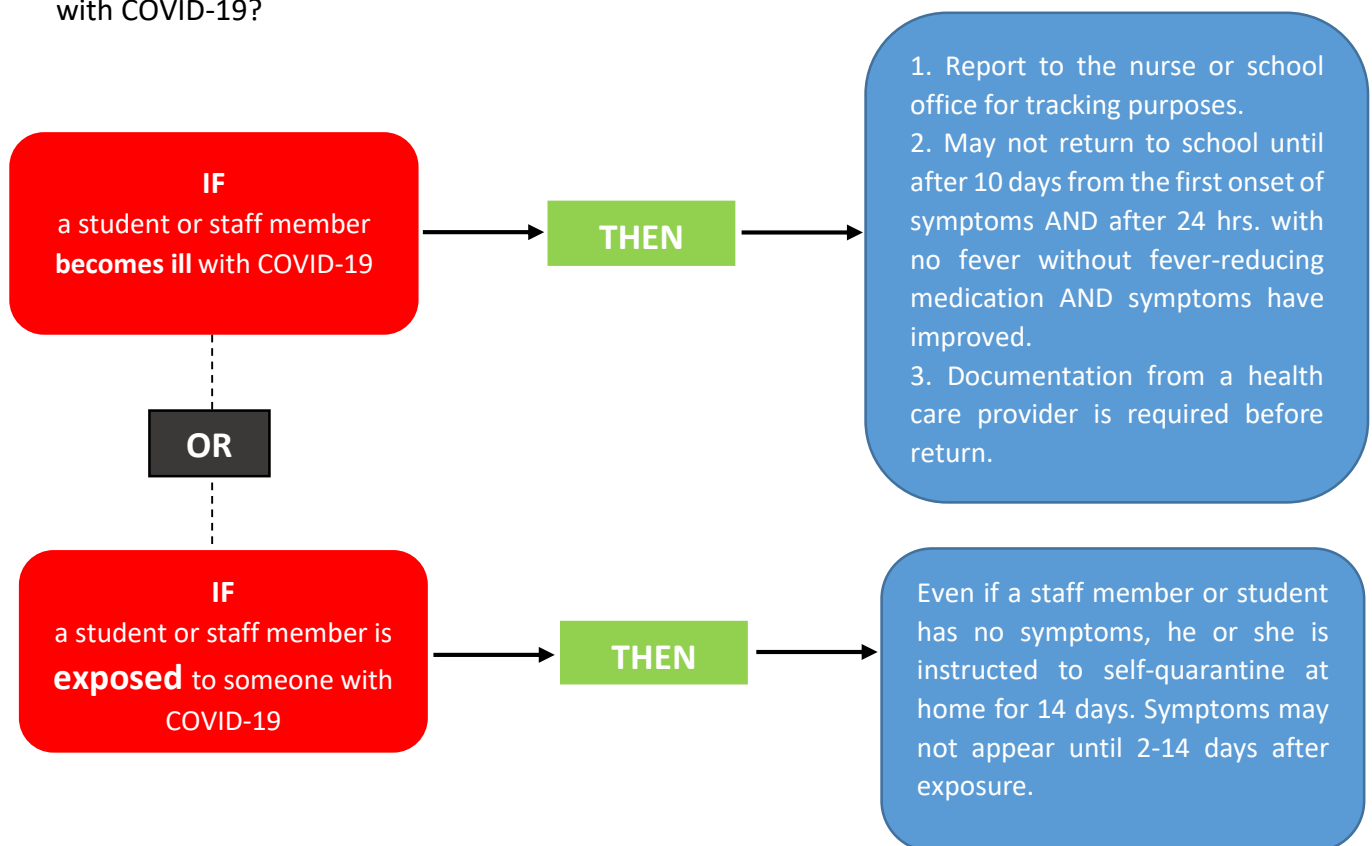
- Nightly cleaning and disinfecting of all areas by our custodial staff
- Frequent cleaning of high touch areas every day throughout the day
- Supplies of disinfecting wipes distributed to all classrooms
- Lunchroom cleaned in between each lunch period
- Frequent disinfecting of PE and recess equipment

Health Screening



- All staff, students, and visitors will have their temperatures taken before entering the building
- Anyone with a temperature over 100.0° F will be referred to the nurse's office
- Students will wait in the nurse's office for parent pick-up
- If possible, parents, please check your student's temperature each day and keep the child home if temperature is elevated over 100.0° F
- No perfect attendance awards will be given for the 2020-2021 school year
- School and nursing staff will monitor daily all students for COVID-19 symptoms
- Students should remain home when ill or if experiencing [COVID symptoms](#) (cough, fever, headache, new loss of smell/taste, fatigue, etc.)
- Fall flu shots for TTCA staff and students will be encouraged

What if a TTCA staff member or student **becomes ill** with COVID -19 or **is exposed** to someone with COVID-19?



Answers to Questions

I heard that some schools are using a hybrid model of education (mixed in-person and virtual). Will TTCA be providing a face-to-face education five days a week? Yes, our plan provides for an in-person education all week. We would only move to an online platform if we were instructed to do so by governmental authorities, and we'd reconvene at our earliest opportunity.

Will TTCA still provide a face-to-face education even if the local public school chooses something different? Yes, we will continue with our plan regardless of what public schools choose to do. Our building and population allow us to meet health department guidance.

But will busing still be provided if the public school follows a remote learning plan? Yes. If the public school is in session, even remotely, they are required by state mandate to bus our students.

How will drop-off/pick-up be different? We continue to communicate and work with public school districts to ensure the transportation of our students to school. A detailed plan still needs to be completed by the various districts. We will communicate our full drop-off and pick-up plan when it is solidified.

What circumstances/data would require our school to close? We intend to keep our building open unless *excessive* absenteeism warrants closure or governmental authorities mandate school closure.

What if my student becomes sick during the day? If a student develops a fever or other symptoms of illness (whether COVID or otherwise), he/she would be brought to an isolation room (the nurse's office) to protect others. The parents/guardians will be contacted and are asked to pick up the student within a half hour.

How will the school help manage anxiety about COVID? The social/emotional well-being of our students is very important. Our teachers and staff will provide support to all of our students as they provide biblical counsel and maintain mentoring relationships.

Will students still eat lunch together with their friends? Yes, we will use our lunchroom for three different lunch periods (grades 5-8, 9-10, & 11-12). Students will eat and socialize with their peers while they are physically (not socially) distant.

How will the school enforce physical distancing? We will be spacing desks apart in classrooms to increase the distance between students. Specific scheduling and practices for movement in the hallways, seating during lunch, and the use of restrooms and locker areas will be reviewed with the students. Students will be regularly encouraged and reminded that physical distance is an important aspect of reducing the transmission of harmful pathogens. **Continued →**

Will my child be penalized if he/she is kept home at my discretion (i.e. if a child has a cold or some other minor illness, if the child has potentially been exposed to COVID in a non-school setting, if cases spike, etc.)? An important component of limiting the impact of COVID-19 on our school community is parents' vigilance about their child's health. We want to affirm parental responsibility in monitoring a child's symptoms and overall health as well as parental discretion in keeping a child out of school on any given day because of suspected illness. Students at home will have access to flexible learning options, and are required to complete this work as long as they are able in the recuperation process.

What will it look like for my child to participate in classes from home if he/she is absent? We will provide flexible learning options so that students can continue their education during times when they may need to be home. With the help of our technology coordinator, teachers will be trained this summer in the most effective way to deliver instruction remotely.

Will there be athletics this fall or this year? Our hope is that we will have our normal school sports. As of this writing, the NYPENN soccer league will commence as scheduled given that NYSDOH guidance does allow for soccer participation. As for the remainder of TTCA sports, we, like all schools in NY, are waiting on further guidance from the state to determine what that might look like. We will pass along the word once we hear of any specific plans or guidance.

What about choir and the Christmas concert? Music and the arts are an important part of a student's education. Instead of holding a choir class, students will have a music class with Pastor Andy (grades 5 & 6 will have their class with Mrs. Switzer). State guidance which mandates 12 feet of physical spacing while singing makes it very challenging to have a choir this fall. We hope to have the choir resume in the second semester. Since we had to modify plans for the fall, there will not be a Christmas concert.

Will students still meet for chapel? Yes. We will have our chapel service in the gymnasium. There is plenty of room to meet requirements for physical distancing.

What are the plans for the annual Lamoka retreat? We will still host our annual spiritual emphasis week in September. However, given the restrictions on camps, we will not be able to go to Lamoka for the overnight. Our staff is exploring options for a retreat in the spring.

What if I have more questions that are not answered here? By all means, please contact the TTCA office staff or Dr. Shaw. We are glad to provide you as many answers as we have. Of course, there may be things we cannot answer as the guidance from the state is either not yet prepared or is updated on a regularly basis.

How You Can Help



We ask that all families try to help TTCA's health and wellness protocols by keeping their children home:

- When they are not feeling well.
- When they have covid-like symptoms.
- When they have potentially been exposed.



In addition, we are asking families to perform daily temperature checks of their children before coming to school. If a student has a temperature of 100.0° F or higher, he or she should stay home.



All families are invited to a (zoom) town hall meeting in August, date to be determined, to ask questions and to learn more about TTCA's reentry plan. A zoom invite will be sent via email to all TTCA families. If there is further interest, additional town hall meetings will be scheduled later in August.

We look forward to seeing you and being back with our students.

God bless you and your family!