

# Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation

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Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation believes that in-person education provided by qualified instructors is key to student success and academic achievement. To that end the corporation reaffirms its commitment to providing in person instruction. The following plan details our efforts to provide that in person instruction. This plan is subject to review and change based on state, local, and federal mandate, subject to biannual review.

### School Day

1. In-person instruction will be provided 5 days a week.
2. Virtual learning may be an option for:
  - a. Students who are unable to attend in person due to medical conditions (doctor note required)
  - b. Continuation of education in the event of:
    - i. School closure due to a change in the status of the pandemic
    - ii. School closure due to mandate from the state
    - iii. School closure due to mandate from the Perry County Department of Health

### Practicing Prevention

1. Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing, covering coughs, and face coverings/masks.
2. Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer, paper towels, and no touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms and frequently trafficked areas.
3. Post signage to communicate how to stop the spread. Include COVID 19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and specific protocols.
4. Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects after each use.
5. Take steps to make sure all water systems and features are safe.
6. Turn off the water fountains except for water filling stations and encourage students and staff to bring water bottles from home.
7. Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, as long as this does not pose a safety or health risk to students or staff. Conduct deep cleaning of schools prior to students/staff returning;
8. Schedule additional cleanings as needed.

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## Transporting Students

1. Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
  - a. Require bus drivers to wear face masks/coverings per the duration of the federal transportation mask mandate (**Extended through March 2022**).
  - b. Students wear face masks/coverings per the duration of the federal transportation mask mandate (**Extended through March 2022**).
  - c. Students must sit in assigned seats.
  - d. No guest riders unless pre-approved due to a supervision issue or split households.
  - e. Inspecting buses prior to students returning and as a part of regular rotation.
  - f. Increased cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces on buses.
  - g. Airing out buses when not in use.
  - h. Scrutinize field trips to determine the educational gain versus risk
  - i. Offer alternative options for students who do not feel comfortable attending
  - j. Consider virtual field trips if they are an option.

## Entering School Buildings

1. Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventive measures such as:
  - a. Provide hand sanitizer for students and staff.
  - b. Limit unnecessary congregations of students and staff.
  - c. Post signage to communicate how to stop the spread. Include COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and specific protocols.
  - d. Continue COVID-19 protocol for students/staff who feel ill/experience symptoms when they come to school.
  - e. Limit visitors and volunteers when students are present. Screen prior to interactions with students or staff.

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## **Serving Meals**

1. Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
  - a. Encourage student hand washing before and after meal service.
  - b. Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff.
  - c. Conducting cleaning of cafeterias and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day.
  - d. Consider single serve/pre-wrapped items and utensils when appropriate.

## **Transitioning**

1. Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
  - a. Encourage students to avoid congregating during passing periods or by lockers.
  - b. Conducting cleaning of hallways and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day.
  - c. Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff in classrooms.

## **Conducting Large Group Gatherings**

1. Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
  - a. Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff.
  - b. Limiting unnecessary congregations of students and staff.
  - c. Follow any Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA), or other extra-curricular/co-curricular governing bodies guidelines for performances, and practices.
  - d. Submit plans to the local health department for recurring and special events when requested.

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## Supporting Teaching and Learning

1. Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
  - a. Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff.
  - b. Conducting cleaning of classrooms and high touch surfaces daily.
2. Establish an academic baseline:
  - a. Use standardized assessments
  - b. Conduct meetings with teachers to analyze data and see where students are academically.
3. Provide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources and Supports
  - a. Target interventions and supports:
4. Provide additional instructional supports to:
  - a. Students at-risk of not graduating on time.
  - b. Students with disabilities. (recovery services)
  - c. Students who had poor attendance in the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19 related reasons.
  - d. Other students identified as being behind academically by teachers and parents.
5. Address learning loss:
  - a. Provide extended learning opportunities through summer school programming.

## Masks and Contact Tracing

As of July 1, 2021, local school boards of public K-12 education institutions will be responsible for implementing whatever measures and restrictions deemed necessary and prudent to address the impact and spread of COVID-19 for their buildings, facilities and grounds, to include transportation. Educational governing bodies are encouraged to follow CDC guidance and any guidance that may be issued by the Indiana Departments of Health and Education.

1. Provide masks if required in all buildings, all events, and on buses.
2. Masks will not be required outdoors.
3. Welcome students and staff to wear masks, if masks are not required. **Masks have been required by the school as a result of the Executive Order signed by Governor Holcomb, allowing masked exposed students to avoid quarantine in some situations.**
4. Determine contact tracing requirements, if any, or in-school and out-of-school exposure.

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5. Follow IDOE attendance guidelines for students who are absent due to a COVID-19 related reason.
6. Implement mask requirements as detailed below.

## **Vaccinations**

Follow Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) guidance if COVID-19 becomes a required or recommended vaccine. Currently, the COVID-19 vaccine is not listed as either a required or recommended vaccine. Should that change, religious and medical exemptions will be followed like with all other vaccines. 2021-2022 Required and Recommended School Immunizations.

1. Provide parents/guardians with ISDH COVID-19 vaccination information for students when age groups are eligible.

## **Communication**

1. A COVID-19 link will be maintained on the Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation website to provide pertinent information regarding the status of the school, updates from the state/department of education, and local health departments.

## **Protecting Vulnerable Populations**

All federal, state, and local guidelines will be followed as well as adherence to FERPA and HIPAA requirements. Adherence to state and federal employment law will be maintained.

## **Terms:**

1. In-School Learning - students present in the school building.
2. Virtual Learning - students completing lessons and activities remotely through technology.
3. Vulnerable populations - elderly individuals and/or individuals with serious underlying health conditions including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy as identified by national health organizations.

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## Tell City-Troy Township Community School Corporation Updated Mask Guidance - January 2022

Tell City-Troy Township Community School Corporation has followed the guidance of our health department and the Governor's Executive Order regarding the use of masks indoors through 2021. We are required by law to continue to follow the control measures outlined by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), which include reporting cases to the state and requiring isolation and quarantine of positive cases and close contacts. Our schools must continue to follow the quarantine guidelines as required by ISDH. The ISDH recommends that we follow masking guidelines as well, but this is not required by law. Tell City-Troy Township has continued to monitor local data and to consult with legal counsel to establish a protocol that is based on school-level data and that continues to prioritize the safety of students and staff. Effective January 3, 2022, Tell City-Troy Township Schools will begin to use the following guidelines to determine whether masks are optional or required.

Junior-Senior High School	
Number of Cases in <i>Building</i>	Masking Protocol
0-5	Optional
>6	Masks required indoors for a 10-day period
Elementary School	
Number of Cases	Masking Protocol
1 case in a classroom	Masks required indoors for all students in that classroom for 10 days
3 or more cases in a grade level	Masks required indoors for all students in that grade level for 10 days

### Identifying Close Contacts - from ISDH Control Measures (Updated 9.7.21)

Identification and listing of close contacts within the congregate setting. A close contact is defined as any individual within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory confirmed or probable case) for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period.

*Exception to the close contact definition: In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, where the classroom does not meet the standards in (6) below, the definition excludes students who were 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well fitting masks. This exclusion does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the classroom.*

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## **Close Contact Quarantine Protocol from IDSH Control Measures (Updated 9.7.21)**

Asymptomatic individuals, unless fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19 infection within the past 90 days, who are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case shall quarantine, including exclusion from preschools, daycare settings, employment and public places, until:

- 14 days after the date of last exposure
- 10 days after the date of last exposure, following additional precautions for days 11-14; or
- 7 days after the date of last exposure with a negative PCR test result occurring on day 5 or later, following additional precautions on days 8-14.

*Precautions include monitoring for symptoms, wearing a mask at all times around other people, and maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from others at all times unless otherwise directed by state or local health authority.*

**\*\*Subject to change based on updates from the IDOH, Governor, or Indiana Legislative Body\*\***