



American Rescue Plan
Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
Update June 2021

Executive Summary:

Twin Cities Academy developed a Safe Learning Plan in the summer of 2020 to guide the decision-making with a priority of in person learning based on COVID virus numbers in the community and on mitigation strategies to reduce the spread of the virus. The TCA school board comprised of teachers, students, parents, and community members worked with administration to outline both the practices and policies for a safe learning environment alongside the metrics used to determine a five phased re-opening plan beginning with full in person, moving to hybrid learning with the ultimate goal of full in person learning.

The Safe Start Up model and the Decision Making Metrics are attached as an addendum. The model and metrics were shared via email, on the website and through virtual feedback sessions with families in September and October of 2020.

Updated Guidance for Summer 2021 Programs:

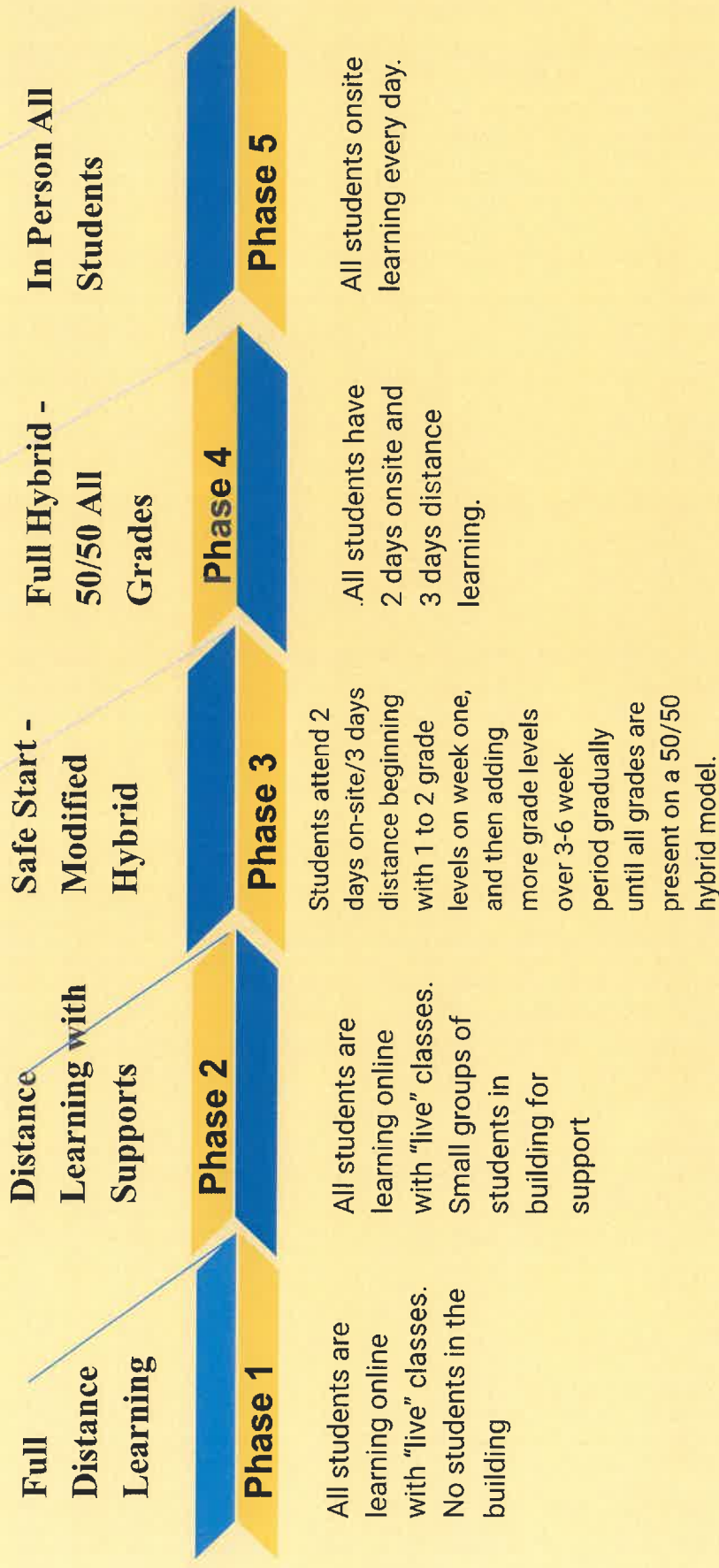
- TCA strongly encourages those who are willing and able to get a vaccine against COVID-19. TCA vaccine clinics are available for easy access to the vaccine on June 4th and June 25th. Walk-ins welcome.
- A vaccine is not required to participate in summer programming.
- Masks on school buses are required by Federal law.
- Masks inside the TCA building are required for all people, except:
 - When people are eating or drinking
 - Presenting orally provided social distancing is an option for the audience
 - In the case of a physical or emotional disability that prevents a person from wearing a mask. If this is the case please contact Arlene Seashore, Health Aid for more guidance.
- Students and staff will not be required to wear masks during outside activities.

- Social distancing will remain practiced allowing 3' of distance between students and staff whenever possible.
- All students will remain in learning cohorts of 10-15 students.
- Students who participate in in-person instruction or camp will be asked to periodically (every other week to one time per week) participate in COVID surveillance testing.
- Any student or family member of a student needs to report a positive COVID case immediately to the TCA health office.
- Any student with a positive result of COVID will be required to quarantine for 10 days and be symptom free for the 48 hours without any fever or pain reducing medication before returning to school.
- Any student with a close contact with a person with a positive result will be required to quarantine for 7 days if they provide a negative result to a COVID test after 3-5 days being exposed, or 10 days without a test.
- TCA has modified its facilities per the original Safe Learning Plan to include updated HVAC and regular disinfecting service in the evenings.
- Students with disabilities will be prioritized for in person learning.

If you have any additional questions or comments in regards to the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan, please contact Betsy Lueth at blueth@twincitiesacademy.org or via phone at 651-205-4797.

Twin Cities Academy 2020-2021

Learning Model Plan



TCA LEARNING MODEL METRICS

ALL students in person 0 - 9 0.0% - 2.9%	Transition to Hybrid (50/50) 10 - 34 3.0% - 6.9%	Distance Learning w/ Supports 35 - 70 7.0% - 9.9%	FULL Distance Learning 71 + 10% +
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EXPLANATION:

During the transition period, one/two grade(s) would be brought back at a time. This model takes the HIGHEST of case counts OR positivity to determine the current phase. If moving to a less restrictive learning model, the metrics must trend and hold within the new model's metrics for a minimum of 14 calendar days.

EXAMPLE:

If the case count is 37.85 and the positivity rate is at 5.8%, the learning model our school would use is "Distance Learning w/ Supports" (Orange), even though the positivity rate would fall within "Transition to Hybrid 50/50" (Blue).

ADDITIONAL MITIGATION STRATEGIES IMPLEMENTED:

ALL students and staff must follow these 5 key mitigation strategies recommended by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

1. Consistent and correct use of masks.
2. Social distancing to the largest extent possible.
3. Follow hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
4. Regular cleaning and disinfection.
5. Contact tracing in collaboration with local health department(s).

In addition to these key mitigation strategies, TCA will perform staff surveillance for symptoms every two weeks and use additional testing efforts, as possible.