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## **Covid-19 Prevention Safeguards per the Safe Learning Plan for 2022-2023**

Twin Cities Academy is committed to making the physical health and safety of all its students, families and staff the number one priority. The TCA Incident Response Team (IRT) has worked throughout the pandemic to determine the appropriate prevention measures for the school to minimize the threat of Covid-19. The IRT will continue its work by meeting as needed to review the data from the Minnesota Departments of Health and Education. Currently Ramsey County is in the “green” zone per the CDC. If Ramsey County moves to either the “yellow” or “red” zones, the prevention safeguards will change to increase masking and testing requirements.

As we begin the school year, the following safeguards are in place to protect all people who work, learn or visit TCA. As the conditions of the virus change and hopefully reduce, it is our intent to ease up on the restrictions. Of course the opposite is true if the virus increases.

- TCA recommends all people wear a mask inside the school building regardless of vaccination status, unless eating in the designated areas (eg. cafeteria).
- Passing time continues to be staggered to reduce the number of students in the hallways
- Block schedule continues to reduce the number of people each day that students are in contact with.
- Air filtration system continues to filter the air every five minutes in all areas of the building. Air filtration is medical grade and the virus is “killed” if in the air through this system every five minutes.
- If your student tests positive for COVID-19, please report this to Arlene Seashore at [aseashore@twincitiesacademy.org](mailto:aseashore@twincitiesacademy.org). Students will be required to isolate for five days, if they can commit to wearing a mask for an additional five days while at school, if not they will need to isolate for 10 days. The onset or symptoms or a positive COVID test is day 0. If a student has no symptoms or decreasing symptoms that do not include a fever, on day five, they may return to school. Students must have no fever without the use of fever reducing medications (aspirin, Tylenol etc.) 24 hours before returning to school.

- Students exhibiting COVID symptoms who are at school, will be tested and screened for COVID in the health office.
- Athletes will only be tested if they are exhibiting symptoms or if a case becomes known on the team or it appears there is spread of COVID on the team.
- TCA will do its best to inform families if a student is a close contact to a person with COVID. If your student is a close contact, they are not required to quarantine unless they are symptomatic or have a positive COVID test.