



Thompson Public Schools
Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
and Continuity of Services Plan
June 2021

Revised August 2021

FULL SCHOOL MODEL

All students Prek-12 will attend school full-time (5 days per week). Distant learning will not be an option when schools are in session.

COVID-19 EXPOSURE & QUARANTINE MODEL

Unvaccinated students, faculty, or staff exposed to COVID-19 will quarantine for 7 days. All classes remain in session on site. Quarantined students will have access to assignments posted in Google Classroom.

DISTRICT or SCHOOL LEVEL DISTANCE LEARNING MODEL

Instruction will shift to distance learning if a high number of COVID-19 cases have been identified which impacts the health and safety and general operation of the school or district. Distance learning model will only be used for a health related emergency.

Learning Support Programs

Math Lab

MRFES

April – June 2021

Jump Start

TMHS, TMS, MRFES

August 9 – August 18

Free Summer Camps for students grades K – 6

*Looking into individual tutoring sessions

All students will return to onsite
full-day learning starting
August 25, 2021.

Distance learning is no longer an
option for Thompson students.

Public Community Feedback Forums

Monday, June 14th

Board of Education Meeting

7:00pm

Wednesday, June 16th

Via Zoom

10:00am and 6:00pm

*Zoom links will be available on the school website

Operations Plan – Facilities

- Signs and messages will be updated in August to comply with most recent DPH/CSDE guidelines.
- Ventilation will continue to run at maximum efficiency. A full audit of the system will be completed in the fall.
- All faculty and staff will receive training on changes to mitigation strategies.
- Cleaning protocols will remain the same.
- Custodial coverage will remain the same.

Daily Operations

- Classroom set-up will return to pre-pandemic configuration.
- Mitigation strategies will remain the same (masks, social distancing, handwashing) will follow DPH/CSDE guidance.
- At this time, all students, faculty, and staff will return to school wearing masks.
- Statewide policy which remains in effect and has not changed is as follows:
- “Everyone must wear masks regardless of vaccination status while inside certain settings, such as healthcare facilities, facilities housing vulnerable populations, public and private transit, correctional facilities, **schools**, and childcare, pursuant to an order from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health.”
- Masks are not required outdoors.

Daily Operations Continued

- Isolation area will remain in place
- Students will return to having lunch in the cafeteria with assigned seating
- School buses will continue to be cleaned and disinfected between tiers

Reporting Illnesses

- Reporting and tracking illnesses will remain the same
- Contact tracing procedures will remain the same

Sports, Arts, Extra-Curricular Activities

- Continue to follow DPH/CSDE/CIAC guidance. At this time, all sports programs offered by the district will take place.
- Art supplies/instruments/sports equipment will continue with current cleaning protocols

Social/Emotional Support

- Social worker added to TMHS to re-engage distance learners and home schooled students back to onsite learning (ESSER/ARP).
- Re-focus room with behavior support staff added at TMS (ESSER/ARP).
- Additional summer hours for social worker at MRFES to re-engage distance learners and home schooled students back to onsite learning.
- Continue partnership with TEEG.
- TPS will continue to encourage vaccinations and provide information to families regarding available clinics in the area.
- TPS will not be conducting onsite COVID-19 testing at this time. The contact tracing procedure currently in place has proven to be effective . This could be revisited if we had wide-spread COVID-19 cases in our schools and testing sites were not easily assessable for parents.

Communication

- District will continue to use multiple modes of communication to keep school community informed that include:
 - Calls
 - Email
 - Texts
 - Letters
 - Facebook, Twitter, Website Posts
 - WINY

Mandate vs. Guidance

Mandate: The district must comply with a mandate (Governor, Commissioners of Health & Education orders).

Guidance: The district does not need to comply with recommendations or guidance from CDC/DPH/CSDE.

As the Superintendent, I recommend following the guidance of health officials. If guidance is not followed, it opens up the BOE to liability. As a result, a survey to assess opinions regarding masks has been withheld.

Thompson Public Schools will continue to place the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff as our main priority.

The district will adhere to the guidance provided by DPH, CSDE, and NDDH to ensure the learning environment meets the health requirements.

We all look forward to a less restrictive school setting.