



### **COVID Guidelines for the 2021-22 School Year**

Timothy Lutheran School Ministry is committed to the health and safety of students, teachers and families. While COVID-19 has presented many challenges since March 2020, our school has proven our dedication to students and families by remaining open and committed to the academic and spiritual formation of students. While navigating the pandemic, many lessons have been learned. Due to the evolving circumstances surrounding COVID-19 it is essential for our school to be flexible and resilient, regardless of the challenges presented by the pandemic.

In preparation for the 2021-2022 school year the school administration and board members collaborated to identify best practices and guidelines for the new school year.

The Timothy Lutheran School Ministries appreciate the support received from families as our school has navigated this unprecedented pandemic. Timothy Lutheran leaders are looking forward to a unified effort between families and school throughout the 2021-22 school year to keep our students safe in school. All attendees accept an assumption of risk as it relates to the COVID-19 virus.

Should the situation related to COVID-19 change in the school, community, state, and/or country the information included in this plan may be revised or updated.

#### **MASKS**

Masks are highly recommended but not required for the 2021 - 22 school year. It is the parent's choice as to whether their child wears a mask or not.

By using local school and county data, the school administrator will have the flexibility to adjust to the circumstances in the building and community.

#### **VACCINATIONS AND QUARANTINE**

According to the CDC, an individual is considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) or two weeks after receiving a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson).



A student/staff member exposed to a person suspected or confirmed positive for COVID-19 need not quarantine if they are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic. Documented proof of vaccination must be presented to avoid quarantine.

If the student/staff member develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of exposure, they should isolate and contact their Primary Care Physician for further guidance and testing if needed.

Students or staff members who have been exposed to or test positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine, as necessary. The length of the quarantine will be determined following consideration of the individual's circumstances.

## **INSTRUCTION**

***TLS will implement layers of protection to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The school administrator will determine the strategies appropriate for our building. Please check with the school administrator regarding specific mitigation strategies.***

Students are expected to be present at school for in-person learning daily. On-line learning will not be a routine instructional model available to students unless circumstances dictate the need for remote learning (e.g. a stay at home order is issued by the state/local health department). The method of instruction for students in quarantine will be determined by the school administration.

Seating should spread out in the classroom as much as possible and a seating chart should be kept by the teacher to aid in contact tracing. Outdoor instruction should be an option, weather permitting. TLS should minimize congregation in the hallways and the other common areas. Frequent hand washing/sanitizing is encouraged.

## **HEALTH**

Parents and staff members are asked to monitor their child's/personal health. If a student or staff member has COVID-19 like symptoms (i.e., fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, or diarrhea) **STAY HOME** and contact a healthcare provider.