



**NORTHWOOD
TEMPLE ACADEMY**

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School Re-Opening Plan 2021-2022

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Our prayerful intention is to welcome all students back to a safe, face-to-face learning environment that promotes healthy socialization, positive relationships, and worshipful connection to Christ through the continual study of HIS word in academic studies from a Biblical worldview.

We recognize there are immense challenges. There is NO perfect plan to reopen school safely. There is always risk of COVID-19. Compliance will be imperfect. Learning will be different. There will be disruption. It is not a matter of "if" we will experience campus closures but rather "when" and "how frequently." However, the disruption to typical classroom routines will be minimized to the greatest extent possible in order to support student and staff socio-emotional health as well as best-practices of instruction.

The following plan is based on a "Healthy Only" framework. This framework requires parents and employees to ensure that only healthy individuals are permitted on campus. The school facilities will receive increased levels of cleaning and sanitizing, but there would be minimal disruption to typical classroom routines.

Health Screening and Quarantine Procedures

The CDC defines "close contact" or "exposure" as being within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period with someone who has COVID-19, unless you have been fully vaccinated.

- Before sending your child to school, review the symptoms below:
 - **Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and other stomach/GI symptoms**
 - **Fever 99 or greater**
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Cough, congestion, or runny nose
 - Shortness of breath
 - Muscle or body aches
 - New loss of taste or smell
- If your child presents with either of the first two symptoms, your child must remain home. It is also recommended that children who present with multiple symptoms stay home.
- **Temperatures will be taken at the entrance of every building and not in the cars.**

1. **Students** who test positive for COVID-19, have had close contact or are having COVID-19 symptoms will NOT be allowed to attend school. Teachers will facilitate making up missed work and instruction.
2. **Student** is exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last two weeks but is NOT symptomatic: The student will NOT be allowed to attend school and will be provided remote instruction. The student may return to school 14 days after the close contact if no symptoms develop and they do not test positive for COVID-19.
3. **Student** is diagnosed with COVID-19 less than 10 days ago, but is NOT symptomatic: Student will not be allowed to attend school. Student may be allowed to return to school 10 days after the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not developed symptoms since their first positive test. Teachers will facilitate remote learning.
4. **Student** presents with at least one of the following COVID-19 symptoms—fever, chills, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, new cough, new loss of smell or taste: The student will not be allowed to attend school. A student can return to school, following normal school policy, if they receive confirmation of an alternative diagnosis from a health-care provider that would explain the COVID-19 like symptoms, once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and they have felt well for 24 hours.

If numbers 1-4 occur:

- The office staff will make contact with the Cumberland County Department of Public Health.
- If a case of COVID-19 appears on the campus, NTA will close the division or classroom (affected area). The affected area will remain closed two or more days to conduct deep cleaning. Students and teachers in the affected area will move to remote instruction until they are able to return to the classroom. Our goal is to close for the minimal days mandated and only for the grade or division affected.
- Any child that exhibits a fever of 99+ will be held in the isolated sick room and parents will be notified to pick up their child to be transported home. Employees will be directed to leave campus immediately.
- If a student/staff presents any possible COVID-19 symptoms, the office staff will complete the assessment and notify parents/staff to be sent home.
- If a student/staff has a negative COVID-19 test, they can return to school once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines, they have felt well for 24 hours and must provide a doctor's note.
- In order for a student/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 to be allowed to return to campus they must be able to answer YES to the following questions:
 - Has it been at least 10 days since the individual first had symptoms?
 - Has it been at least 3 days since the individual had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?
 - Has it been at least 3 days since the individual's symptoms have improved, including cough and/or shortness of breath?
- Absences due to Health Screening restrictions will not be counted as school day absences.

Classrooms and Facilities

- Teachers will spend five (5) minutes in student health education each morning.
- All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, wipes, and paper towels.
- Classroom doors, as well as non-fire hallway doors, will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow.
- Screens have been added to windows in the Early Education building so that windows can be opened.
- Air purifiers have been placed in many classrooms where windows can not be opened.
- Teachers are encouraged to utilize outdoor instructional space when feasible. Extra outside tables have been purchased for outdoor instruction.
- The acrylic desk shields will continue to be used for as long as they last.



Classroom and Facilities (Cont.)

- Principals will stagger playground time rather than allowing multiple classes to play together.
- A commercial cleaning company has been hired to clean and sanitize the buildings every night.
- School janitorial staff will clean and sanitize bathrooms, cafeteria, door handles, etc. multiple times during the day.
- Water fountains have been equipped with bottle refill stations.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout each building for easy access.
- Students may not touch or use another student's locker, backpack, or any other item without first disinfecting the item.
- **Masks are optional and up to the parents' discretion.**



Athletics

- NTA will comply with all guidelines provided by the NC Department of Health and Human Services, NFHS, and NCISAA.

Guests and Visitors

- Guests and visitors will not be allowed to be on campus unless there is an emergency pertaining to their child or family.
- If allowed to enter the building, temperature will be taken and recorded and a mask will be required.

Transportation

- School vehicles will be disinfected before and after each use.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and used by each student prior to boarding.
- Larger vehicles will be used to accommodate a larger number of students and allow for physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- The Athletic Department will be responsible to ensure all vehicles are properly disinfected after each use.

Classroom Instruction

In order to ensure a smooth transition at any time in the future that the school may be need to shift from campus-based to remote-based instruction, all teachers will be proficient in the use of the following online tools:

Google Classroom (LMS)

The learning management system will be utilized for posting all assignments and communications regarding assignments. The Google platform fosters meaningful relationships through live lecturing sessions. Discussion threads, break-out sessions and open forums can be used to promote student support and connectivity.

FACTS/RenWeb

NTA uses this Student Information System for all student reporting as well as parent communication.

Instructional Software

There are a few school-wide approved software application that will be utilized by the teachers to enhance the curriculum and learning experience for the student. These will all be accessed from within the student's Google Classroom.

Computers

In the case that remote learning becomes a requirement, Chromebooks will be made available to all students in need. Shared equipment within computer labs will be maintained with a protocol of surface cleaning between every use.