

TCSC Reopening Plan For 2020-2021



Phase 1 Reopening

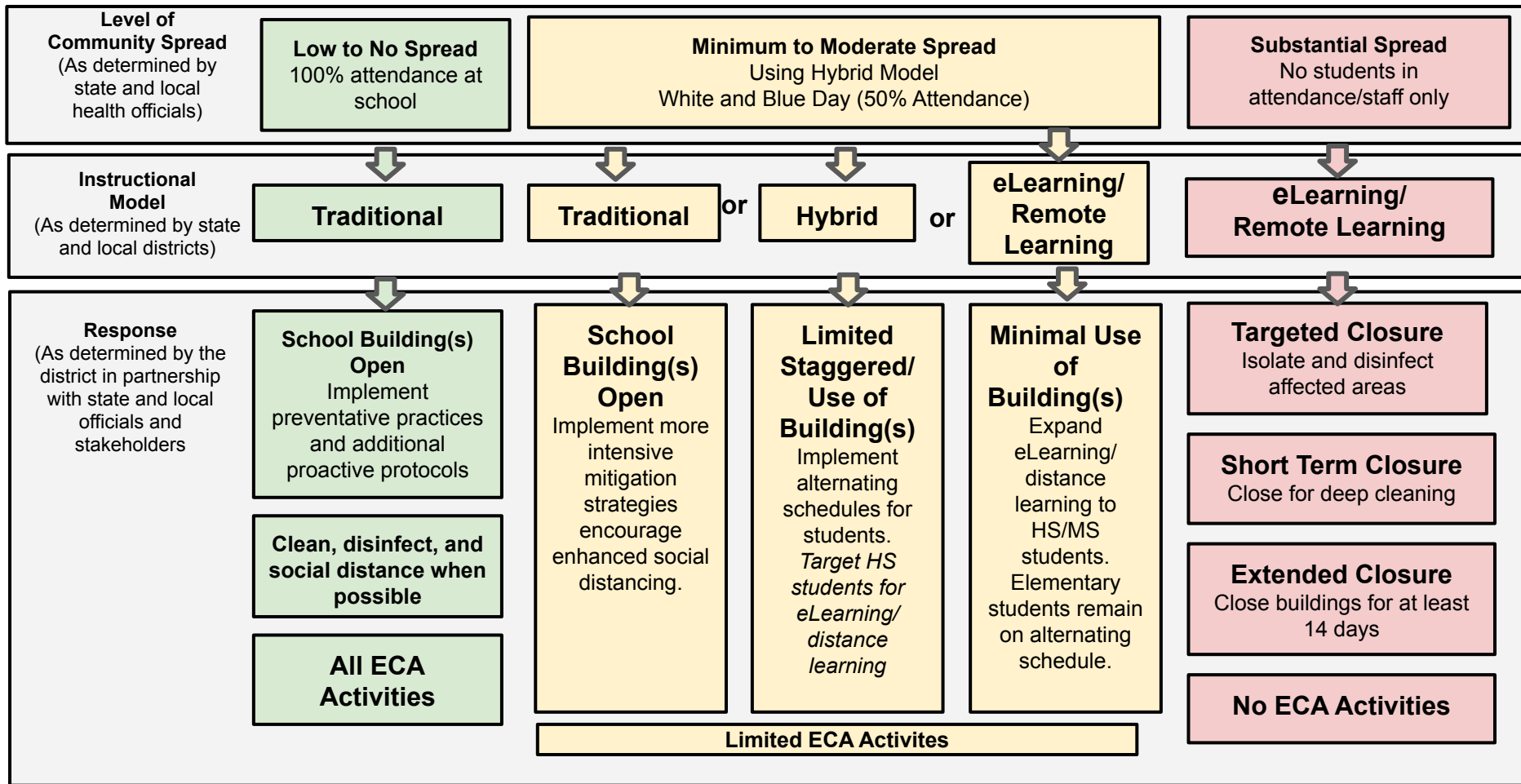
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TCSC Reopening Plan focuses mostly on Phase 1. Phase 2 and 3 may be go into effect on the recommendation state and local officials. The chart on the next page demonstrates some potential scenarios for how schools may operate. The Reopening Task Force will continue to meet throughout the year and make adjustments to the plan.

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TCSC Return to School Plan



General Prevention

Actions for TCSC:

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- Provide totally virtual option for students
- Create the role of District COVID Response Coordinator
- Maintain strong lines of communication to all stakeholders
- Teach and reinforce healthy hygiene practices for students and staff
- Intensify cleaning and disinfection of all spaces
- Closely monitor for absenteeism of students and staff
- Limit outside visitors to all buildings during the school day
- Train staff to recognize symptoms of COVID 19
- Suspend all field trips
- Prohibit convocations or large gatherings of students
- Require sick students and staff to stay home
- Procedure in place for someone becoming sick at school
- Implement multiple social distancing strategies for gatherings, classrooms, and movement through the building
- Consider ways to accommodate needs of children and families at high risk

COVID Response Coordinator

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- Reassign a current TCSC employee
- Coordinator will report directly to the superintendent
- Will communicate directly with Tipton County Health Department and school officials.
- Help to develop communication plan

COVID Related Symptoms

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- A fever of 100° F or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER EXCLUSION:

Untested

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Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but experience symptoms may return if the following three conditions are met:

- They have not had a fever for at least 72 hours (that is three (3) full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
- At least 10 calendar days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

Tested Positive-Symptomatic

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Persons who experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 may return to school if the following conditions are met:

- The individual no longer has a fever (without the use medicine that reduces fevers); and
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
- At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
- The individual has received two (2) negative tests at least 24 hours apart.

Tested Positive-Asymptomatic

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Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for COVID-19 may return when they have gone **ten (10) calendar days** without symptoms and have been released by a healthcare provider. Students may also return if they are approved to do so in writing by the student's health care provider.

Self Screening

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- » TCSC strongly encourages self-screening aligned with CDC recommendations.
- » Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise explained, are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they should be sent home immediately.
- » Self-screening guidelines will be posted in buildings and communicated to parents.

School-Based Screening

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Tipton Community School Corporation will provide professional development to staff to recognize symptoms of COVID-19. Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise explained, are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, will be sent home immediately.

Face Coverings-Non Students

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Face coverings at Tipton Community School Corporation are recommended, but may be required in some areas of the building.

- Tipton Community School Corporation will provide one cloth face mask per employee.
- Additional accommodations may be made on an individual basis in accordance with health plans.

Face Coverings-Students

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Face coverings at Tipton Community School Corporation are recommended where social distancing is unavailable. Individual teachers may require students to wear face coverings in their classrooms.

Face Coverings-Students

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- » All students will be provided one cloth mask and mask lanyard
- » Masks are encouraged when social distancing practices cannot be utilized.
 - » Areas and times where face masks may be utilized include during secondary passing periods and while riding school transportation.
 - » Further, face mask use may be required based on social distancing, the health of other students and staff, and if the level of community spread increases.

Clinical Space

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- Tipton Community School Corporation will provide a space in each building for students who are COVID-19 symptomatic.
- This room will be separate from the nurse's clinic where students or employees who are feeling ill are evaluated or wait for pick up.
- A record will be kept of all persons who entered the room and the room will be disinfected several times throughout the day.
- Students who are ill will be walked out of the building to their parents.

Confirmed Case on School Property

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- » COVID-19 Coordinator will contact the Tipton County Health Department immediately.
- » Tipton County Health Department will:
 - » Contact the person confirmed with COVID-19
 - » Inform direct contacts of their possible exposure
- » On the recommendation of the Tipton County Health Department TCSC will:
 - » Communicate to the school community (not identifying the individual), but may need to selectively identifying the individual for contact tracing purposes.

Attendance

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Students who are out of school for an extended period of time due to COVID-19 (individuals who have tested positive, individuals who have been in direct contact with a person who has tested positive, or individuals who are symptomatic) will be required to utilize **remote learning** to meet attendance requirements. **Remote learning** guidelines can be adjusted based on the needs of each student.

Handwashing/Water/Home to School

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Handwashing

- Start of the school day
- Before eating
- After using the restroom
- After blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After using shared equipment

Water

Water fountains **will not** be accessible. Students and staff will have access to water filling stations throughout the buildings using refillable water bottles. Bottles of water will be provided to students who do not have them.

Home to School

Every effort should be made to reduce the amount of materials, supplies, and personal belongings going to and from school.

Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences/Back to School Night

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Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences/
Back to School Night

- » Held traditionally on a modified schedule
- » Held virtually using Zoom or Google platforms
- » TMS Rocks and Blue Devil Kickoff are as scheduled
- » **Each school will communicate plans**

Social Distancing in the School Environment

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It is the goal of TCSC to increase social distancing while still maintaining a level of face-to-face instruction. These protocols may evolve as they are implemented as more information is obtained about COVID-19.

Tipton Elementary

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- Staggered bus and car rider drop-off and pick-up
- Staggered recess times (two classes per zone at one time on the playground)
- Students will remain in classrooms (special teachers will go to the classroom)
 - PE will be held either outside or in the gym observing social distance
- Breakfast and lunch will be served in the cafeteria and classrooms
- Recommend students wear a mask while riding school transportation
- Display signage and markings to maintain social distance throughout the building
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (art supplies, equipment, etc., assigned to a single child)
- Students are only permitted to ride their assigned bus to and from school (students cannot ride the bus to or from school with a friend)

Tipton Middle School

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- Staggered bus and car rider drop-off and pick-up
- Encourage students to wear a mask during passing periods
- Lunch will be served in the cafeteria and Team Teaching Room to observe social distance
- Recommend students wear a mask while riding school transportation
- Display signage and markings to maintain social distance throughout the building
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (art supplies, equipment, etc. assigned to a single child)
- Require students to sit in assigned seats
- Students are only permitted to ride their assigned bus to and from school (students cannot ride the bus to or from school with a friend)

Tipton High School

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- Staggered bus and car rider drop-off and pick-up
- Encourage students to wear a mask during the passing periods
- Lunch will be served in the cafeteria and main gym to observe social distance
- Recommend students wear a mask while riding school transportation
- Display signage and markings to maintain social distance throughout the building
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (art supplies, equipment, etc., assigned to a single child)
- Require students to sit in assigned seats
- Students are only permitted to ride their assigned bus to and from school (students cannot ride the bus to or from school with a friend)

Cafeteria

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- No self-serve food items.
- Cleaning of tables and stools between lunches
- Use disposable utensils and trays when possible
- Sneeze guards installed in cafeteria serving lines.
- Tape marks on the floor to promote social distancing while waiting in line.
- Seating mark out at tables to maintain social distance
- No food-sharing.
- Limit cash transactions. Staff handling cash should not also handle food.

3 Phases=July 6-19-Phase 1, July 20-Aug 15-Phase 2, After Aug 15-Phase 3

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- Pre-screen using Google Form
- Students, when not engaging in vigorous activity and when practical, should wear face coverings.
- Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing of equipment after each practice
- Students will report to their activity in proper gear/instruments and immediately return home to shower at the conclusion.
- No locker rooms available until after July 20 (after July 20 @ 50% capacity)

Extra Curricular Activities

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- **Shared hydration stations (water trough, water fountains, water hose, etc.) are not utilized except for filling individual, labeled water bottles.**
- **No formal competition is allowed until after August 15 (excluding girl's golf).**
- **Contact is allowed as [defined by Indiana High School Athletic Association \(IHSAA\)](#) after July 20.**
- **Competition may begin August 15 (Girls Golf may begin July 20).**
- **Spectators, media, and vendors can be present but should implement social distancing and follow established mass gathering guidelines.**
- **Concessions may be sold if food handlers and cashiers use appropriate PPE and only prepared, prepackaged food is available.**

Extra Curricular Activities

Special Education

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- Annual Case Reviews will be held using video conferencing software such as Zoom or Google Meet. Parents will be sent paperwork for signature and return to school.
- Case Conference Committee meetings may be conducted in-person (under special circumstances) or through virtual means such as Zoom or Google Meet.
- Compensatory Services

Student Transportation

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- » Face coverings are recommended
- » Assigned seats for contact tracing
- » Thoroughly clean and disinfect all buses and transportation vehicles before and after routes/use.
- » Bus Driver training about COVID-19, how it spreads, symptoms, and risk of exposure
- » Changes in drop off and dismissal procedures
- » Potential changes in parent drop off.

Questions?