

Thanksgiving Break Return Plan

While we are excited to have students and staff recovering and returning from quarantine, the local numbers are growing and we have had additional positive cases related to students just within the past few days. As always, our goal is to keep students in school and active whenever it can be done so safely. The following measures will be taken for the week following Thanksgiving break:

- Students can choose to attend virtually through the week of 11/30/2020 - 12/4/2020 under the following conditions:
 - Students MUST be on pace to complete their virtual coursework prior to 11/30/2020. Progress will be tracked closely and students will be given notice by teachers and/or administrators if they have fallen behind.
 - The final progress check will be done on Saturday, November 28th and families will be notified if continuing virtually will no longer be an option.
 - Students will be notified through their TIMBERLAKE STUDENT EMAIL. It is the responsibility of students and parents to check student email accounts for correspondence. Please contact the school on Friday, November 20th if you do not have email access.
 - Principals must be notified by email prior to Saturday, November 28th if students intend to attend virtually for the week following Thanksgiving so that routes can be adjusted accordingly and work can be assigned.
- In-person instruction will continue for students that choose this option and for students who are not on pace to complete their virtual coursework
- Extracurricular activities will continue under the guidelines shared previously. Students who attend virtually on this short term basis can participate but the responsibility of transportation to and from practice, bus departures, or home events will fall on the student or parent.
- Masks will continue to be required for staff and students in school vehicles, in hallways, and in other situations where students from multiple grades are congregating.

Please keep in mind that plans could change based on changes to staff or student related Covid-19 numbers through next week. It is always our goal to communicate changes as early as possible and releasing this today gives students and parents an opportunity to ask questions or request equipment or materials prior to the close of campus. It is our hope that additional measures are not required but please continue to check the school website for updates.

Important Covid-19 Protocols

It is of the utmost importance that ALL of us do our part to limit the impact of Covid-19 on our community and school system. This is more important than ever to maintain our ability to continue in-person instruction and activities for the benefit of our students. There has been a big push from other districts and upper level government agencies to pass down more restrictive guidelines including school shutdowns, across the board mask mandates, cancellation of winter activities, or indoor activities with no or limited guests. Recent decisions have put our district at risk of facing some of these measures. Timberlake understands how detrimental some of these measures would be for our students and our community and we are doing everything in our

power to protect local control so that we can avoid major disruptions. We can only accomplish this with the help of everyone. Please note and follow the protocols listed below regarding illness, Covid testing, and contact tracing.

- Notify the school immediately upon learning of any positive Covid test result or Covid test administered on any person that could affect staff or students. This includes all staff or students, as well as family members or other close contacts to staff or students.
- Notify the school of illnesses or symptoms consistent with Covid-19, including a fever.
- Staff, students, and visitors need to stay home under any of the following conditions
 - Experiencing a fever of 100 degrees or higher (No return until fever free with no medication for 48 consecutive hours)
 - Experiencing additional Covid related symptoms
- No member of the household shall enter school buildings, vehicles, or events if someone in the household or another close contact is awaiting Covid-19 test results
- No member of a household with a positive test result, nor anyone else deemed to be a close contact exposure shall enter school buildings, vehicles, or events until a quarantine period consistent with health department guidelines has been completed.

Quarantine Protocols (per Oklahoma Department of Health)

- Positive cases are to quarantine for 10 days following a positive test. If symptoms persist in the final days of the quarantine period, the positive case may not return until they have been symptom free for 48 hours.
- Close contacts are to quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure to a positive case experiencing symptoms or the date of their test if they are asymptomatic.
- Close contact definition:
 - Anyone residing in the same household within 48 hours of the positive case experiencing symptoms or the date of the positive test if asymptomatic
 - A person that has been within 6 feet from the positive case for a total of 15 minutes or more throughout the day (within 48 hours of the positive case experiencing symptoms or the date of the positive case if asymptomatic)
- Neither masks nor previous Covid-19 diagnosis affect close contact quarantine orders

This is a brief description of a very complex issue. For more details, visit <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/>. Please feel free to contact the school if you ever have any questions regarding protocols or if situations come up that have you questioning what to do. We unfortunately have significant experience with this topic and we are happy to help with decisions that ultimately benefit everyone involved. Ultimately, we will follow health department instructions for all cases that require a quarantine.

Christmas Program

Timberlake will be working on producing a Christmas program video following Thanksgiving break that will be made available to the public prior to Christmas break. There will not be a live production of the Christmas program and all recording will be done during the school day. The video will be posted on the school website. We feel this gives all students the best opportunity to participate and will allow family and friends from near and far to be able to enjoy the production.