

Timberlake Community,

Timberlake administration and staff have been working hard to determine the status of our students that have been ill over the past week so that plans can be made for the rest of the week. We do feel we are able to begin opening things back up but we need your help to be able remain in school. It is crucial that the school and parents have a level of mutual trust and open lines of communication to limit the impact Covid has on school as we move forward.

Most Recent Updates

- No new positive Covid tests since Friday
- We have had at least one positive for strep and believe this could explain some illnesses
- Still awaiting PCR results on our one positive test result from Friday (2:00 pm on 9/1/20)
- Per the Health Department, exposures that will be ordered to quarantine are only those who come in direct contact with an actual positive case. Contacts beyond first degree contacts ARE NOT considered an exposure risk.

Plan Beginning 9/2/2020

- Return to in-person instruction for grades PK-2 and 4-6.
- 3rd grade will need to continue quarantine until a negative PCR test is returned on our one positive test or until the quarantine period is over.
- We will contact parents immediately upon receiving the test result and allow 3rd grade back immediately if it does come back negative.
- Meals will still be available for quarantined students at both sites but must be ordered by 9:00 am by phone at (580) 626-4411 or email at mblackledge@tlake.k12.ok.us
- Mask Procedures for Elementary
 - We request that PK-2nd grade students wear masks only on routes
 - 3rd-6th grade students and staff will be required to wear masks as follows:
 - Masks must be worn in areas that don't allow for social distancing such as school vehicles, hallways, locker rooms, and common areas.
 - Students will have opportunities to remove masks as follows:
 - Once students have sat down with their meal
 - Students can remove mask immediately prior to leaving the building for outdoor athletic activities or PE
 - Teachers can allow students to remove masks during instruction if they are all facing the same direction and are spaced out appropriately. Teacher has full discretion in the classroom.
 - Students can remove masks during recess as long as students are not "huddling" together without masks.

IMPORTANT!: Medical Considerations for Illnesses or Covid Testing

- We have had at least one positive strep test and multiple students with consistent symptoms to strep. We recommend pushing for a strep test prior to other testing because that result is almost immediate and can explain symptoms.
- If someone in the household has been tested for Covid-19 and are awaiting results:
 - The person tested needs to quarantine until receiving a negative result
 - Those in the household need to quarantine until test comes back negative
 - Please inform the school of any health concerns, tests taken, and test results
 - All students in household will continue virtually
- Please keep any student home that is exhibiting symptoms as follows:
 - Fever: 48 hours fever free with no fever reducing medication before return

- Vomiting and/or diarrhea: 24 hours from last symptom before return
- Please use caution with students that have a sore throat, cough, head and body aches. These can be consistent with allergies, strep, and the flu as well. Students should not return while these symptoms are active.

Timberlake students will not be participating in the cross country meet this evening. We apologize for those that planned to participate and attend, but don't feel we can justify this without definitive test results and due to the fact that we were not in school today.

We are excited to bring many of our students back tomorrow. I realize keeping kids at home can be an inconvenience and we hope to be able to minimize this as much as possible. It is crucial that we keep sick kids at home in order for school to be able to carry on and greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Kale Pierce
Superintendent
Timberlake Public Schools