

Health & Safety Measures at Trinitas Academy

The Trinitas Academy Re-Opening Task Force has been preparing for our staff and students to return to school to a safe and healthy environment. In order to promote the best conditions possible for everyone, we have established the following safety protocols to make our reopening successful and responsible.

Increased Hygiene

- Commitment to Clean
- Enforce strict hand washing
- Sanitation Stations
- Increase janitorial practices
- Sanitize frequently
- No Shared Hallway or Restroom Passes

Our Commitment to Clean

The Trinitas Academy S.A.F.E. team and the Maintenance & Facilities department recognize the significance of providing a safe, clean, and sanitized environment during these unprecedented challenges presented to us by COVID-19. We are joined in our commitment to enhance deep cleaning and sanitation services as an essential preventative measure for keeping our campus COVID-19-free. We will provide on-ground teams who are prepared with the expertise, resources, and equipment to promote the best conditions possible for our students, faculty and staff to be kept safe and informed of best practices and procedures. Through these health and safety actions put in place and the ongoing monitoring of adherence to these practices, Trinitas Academy is determined to provide all the safeguards necessary to be able to carry out its primary mission of "Nurturing the Whole Child."

Periodical Health Checks

- Temperature checks upon entering campus.
- Policy of Ill children strictly enforced.



Smaller classes and Distanced Socializing

- Desks spaced apart
- Privacy shields for each desk
- Teacher desk plexi-glass barrier
- 6 feet distancing when lining up
- Limited and distanced student interaction



Staggered Morning Carline and Afternoon Carline Schedules

**** All Sign in and Sign Out carried out with a touch-free scanning system!**

**** Families with multiple children follow the youngest sibling's schedule.**

- Early Care
 - 7:00-7:45 Parents park and walk children to check-in point.
- Morning Carline
 - 7:45-8:00 Kindergarten – Third Grade
 - 8:00-8:15 Fourth and Fifth Grade
Preschool: Parents park and walk children to check-in.
 - 8:15-8:30 Sixth through 12th Grade
- Late Arrivals
 - Must Park and Walk to Sign In
- Early Pick ups
 - Must Park and Walk to Sign Out
- Afternoon Carline
 - Preschool Pick Up times vary: Parents park and walk to sign out
 - 2:45-3:00 Kindergarten-3rd Grade
 - 3:00-3:15 Fourth and Fifth Grade
 - 3:15-3:30 Sixth through 12th Grade
- Late Pick Ups
 - Must Park and Walk to Sign Out

Divided Lunches

Each class will eat lunch in their own designated area which is to be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use. The respective students will maintain their distance from each other as to avoid close interactions, sharing of food, and the like. Classes will not intermingle with each other during lunch time. It is recommended that students bring their own utensils from home. Teachers will use gloves to assist in heating up and distribute food.

Touch-Free Signing In and Out

We will use the sign-in/sign out feature from FACTS. These features will be used for preschool and extended care parents, as well as those picking up their children early. This will eliminate the use of the binders. We will



avoid cross contaminating by utilizing a bar code scanner that is wifi compatible and synced with an iPad, so parents don't have to even touch the iPad. A barcode assigned to each child will be scanned by the scanner to register attendance and dismissal. This process also allows for printed reports by child that will replace the monthly sign-in reports. It will show the person's name and time of drop off and/or pick up.

Social Distancing During Dismissal

Parents will use software from their cellphones to digitally notify school staff of their arrival to school. Using this system, students are dismissed in a staggered fashion to avoid crowds in the breezeway.

Rotating Students in the Same Direction

Our middle school students will rotate classrooms throughout the day, but all in the same direction to avoid traffic in both directions. A **Bell System** will be in place to make sure everyone is traveling at the same time. Students will remain in their own homeroom classroom for a longer period of time in the morning, before beginning rotation. As they arrive in the new room, desks will be disinfected with Clorox wipes and/or other disinfectant sprays.

Normalized Distance Learning

Some parents may decide to enroll their children in distance learning at least part of the time. Several format options will be available (non-online vs.online).

Teachers could record in person lessons and then send them to distance learning students. Or, they could utilize a service like zoom and have their students join the lessons through video. They could also use learning packets and the FACTS LMS to communicate daily assignments. Teachers can also take advantage of resources like podcasts and YouTube videos to enrich distance learning. Other students in online distance learning may be enrolled with our affiliate school and engage in learning through the Canvas LMS.

Limiting Attendance at Sporting Events

We are still waiting for the board of directors of our sports league (SSAL) to decide on the specific protocols that will be observed in order to carry out our various sports seasons.

Field Trips

We will have the opportunity to go on virtual field trips and host in-house field trips. The students will be able to explore different environments, locations and museums to continue to expand their knowledge of the world around them. They will also benefit from small group in-house field trips that will teach them about space, the arts, and cooking skills. We are excited and hopeful for the upcoming school year as we continue to provide our students with fun-filled and Christ-centered learning while keeping your children's safety in mind.

Extra Review Time

There might possibly be a need to do a lot of catch up work and understand where the students are academically, and where they need to be. In order to assess these needs, extra review time will need to be implemented.

Reopening Schools With Trauma Awareness

Everyone is being traumatized by COVID-19 right now. And it's affecting all of us differently. But for the youngest members of our society, many of them have never experienced a traumatic event. Especially not one like this and it's going to have at least some effect on them for the rest of their lives. It will particularly affect their emotional and mental states as they go back to school. Learning will be complicated for a bit because many children are going to still be processing everything. Our Guidance Counselor will provide assistance in this matter.

Ventilating Classrooms Better

Air purifiers in the classrooms will help reduce the spread of germs. On certain occasions, opening the windows to increase ventilation may be beneficial. Holding classes outside may also serve the same purpose.

Reopening School with Regular Mask Use

Our school will be able to start classes again on campus by requiring all students to wear masks most, if not all of the day.

Masks slow the spread of a pandemic because many viruses are spread through respiratory droplets. Masks prevent those droplets from passing from person to person. We will require each student to bring their own labeled and reusable face mask, have extra face masks in stock for emergency situations, provide teachers with face shields, and constantly remind everyone NOT TO TOUCH THEIR FACE!



Restrict Use of Water Fountains

Make sure all classrooms and offices are equipped with water coolers and that these are in good working order. Each person is to bring their own water bottle to refill them from their classroom's water coolers.



Being Prepared for a Second Wave and Future Pandemic

Returning to school after distance education means being aware of the possibility of a second wave of COVID-19 hitting. This virus is new and we don't really know how it affects humans. Every day we are learning more. But we don't know if a second wave will come.



Our plans to return to teaching on campus includes a plan for the possibility of a second wave. This includes assessing how our teachers and staff handled distance learning, what worked, what didn't work, what could've been done differently.

We will prepare for all our students to have the proper technology for distant learning. In case of a second wave, Trinitas academy will begin the new school year, training our students and teachers to apply the FACTS Learning Management System for communication and assignments, along with live and/or recorded lessons.

In Conclusion

Returning to school campus after this pandemic is going to involve a lot of change and adjustments. All of these options will be considered for the reopening of school in the fall. A safety procedure video will be edited to show parents what daily routines will look like. Making responsible decisions will help us succeed in our united efforts!