

Northwestern CSD of Shelby County



2021-22 Triton Central Schools COVID Protocol Plan

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Document Overview

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to be a global pandemic and, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency. On March 6, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency within Indiana.

In collaboration with the Indiana Department of Education, the Shelby County Health Department and TC certified and non-certified staff, NWCSD developed the 2020-21 Triton Central Schools Re-entry Plan. The Re-entry Plan was developed by a cross disciplinary team from TC consisting of Building Principals, Operations Directors, School Nurse and Athletic Directors.

Throughout the initial development of that plan, the team was guided by a set of core foundational beliefs:

- Our students are social beings whose social and emotional health needs are best served by an on-campus, in-person classroom educational experience.
- eLearning is an appropriate and effective tool for educating young men and women in a virtual environment in limited specific instances such as inclement weather or alternative school settings. It is not a preferred method for long term first-time instruction for our students.
- Extra-curricular and Co-curricular Activity participation is a critical component in a meaningful and healthy educational experience at TC.
- It is not possible to completely mitigate the threat of COVID-19 from spreading in our TC community, the State of Indiana, Shelby County or the United States of America.
- The Administrative Leadership Team at TC would develop a 2020-21 Re-entry Plan that safeguarded the health of its students and staff in a manner that was prudent, logical, effective and practical while providing an on-campus, in-person educational opportunity.

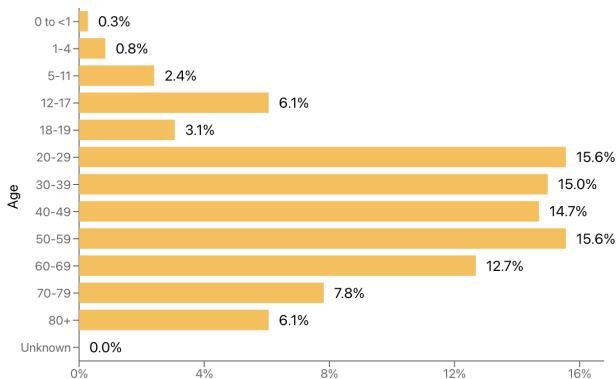
The original document was the end product of that effort and detailed the operational philosophy and steps necessary to successfully honor the above beliefs and allow a safe return to campus on August 5, 2020 for TC students. It was intended to function as a living document capable of being revised and altered as the realities of the situation on the TC campus evolved and changed throughout the 2020-21 school year. NWCSD completed the full 2020-21 school year in-person, on-campus with no missed days due to COVID.

This document serves as an update and revision of the original plan for the upcoming 2021-22 school year reflecting the most recent knowledge of the COVID virus and data collected for NWCS and Shelby County. It was approved at a publicly held meeting by the NWCS Board of School Trustees on June 21, 2021. This revised plan and its protocols reflect the lessons learned over the past year, recent guidance from the IDOH and the current data for the TC community, Shelby County, the State of Indiana and the United States of America.

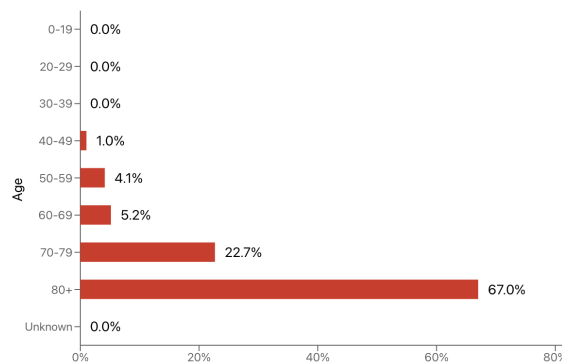
NWCS Positive Cases 2020-21 School Year

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Total
HS Student	29	20	49
MS Student	8	18	26
ES Student	12	8	20
Employee	15	10	25
		Student %	6.77%
		EE %	12.50%

Shelby County Demographics for Positive Cases*

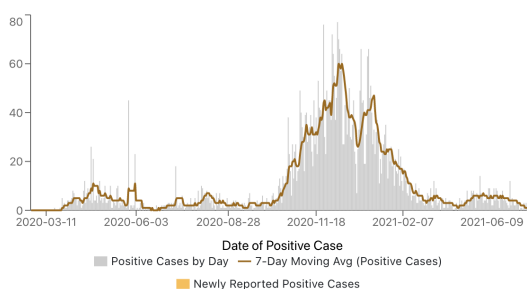


Shelby County Demographics for Deaths*



Positive Cases

Shelby County Positive Cases by Day



The protocols contained herein are subject to review, revision and deletion throughout the 2021-22 school year based upon future guidance from the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and the Shelby County Health Department (SCHD).

Health Protocols for School Buildings

- NWCSO will implement and enforce a mitigation strategy consisting of but not limited to:
 - Teach and encourage frequent hand washing using soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - If soap and water aren't available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Maintain physical distance between yourself and other people of at least 6 feet whenever possible.
- The use of masks is a personal choice and is not mandatory except in specific situations upon prior approval by the building principal or on school buses as mandated by the Federal government and the IDOH.
- The IDOH encourages unvaccinated individuals to utilize masks when indoors or in high risk outdoor situations.
- Social distancing provisions are encouraged in the buildings where practically possible.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be deployed in high traffic areas of each building.
- All attendance incentives for students will be suspended until further notice.

Health Protocols for Classrooms

- Hand sanitizer will be made available in instructional classrooms for student and staff use.
- Cleaning supplies will be deployed in classrooms for use at the discretion of students and staff.
- Classrooms will be configured so that students maintain three (3) feet of social distance from each other and face in the same direction where possible.
- Students will be seated in the classroom in accordance with a seating chart maintained and updated by instructional staff.
- Faculty and staff are encouraged to maintain six (6) feet of social distance from each other where possible.

Isolation/Quarantine Guidelines

- The district will follow reporting guidelines as prescribed by the Indiana Department of Health.
- The district will follow the guidelines on isolation and quarantine as prescribed by the Indiana Department of Health.
- Close Contact identification will be made on a case-by-case basis by the School Nurse with consultation from the Building Administrator or designee.
- The determination to exclude and re-admit a student or employee to school will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent or designee with consultation from the School Nurse.
- Students or staff members experiencing the symptoms of COVID-19 are encouraged to stay at home and seek appropriate medical attention immediately.

Student Transportation

- Buses will be cleaned and sanitized once after the morning MS/HS route, once after the morning Elementary route and at the conclusion of the afternoon route each day.
- Transportation vehicles will be cleaned after each use for Extra-curricular or Co-curricular purposes.
- Cleaning and sanitizing of vehicles will consist of a combination of manual cleaning of touchable surfaces and the use of an electro-static fogger.
- Cleaning of Transportation vehicles will be delegated to designated Transportation personnel.
- Students will have assigned seats.
- In accordance with the directive from the IDOH, occupants and operators are required to wear masks while on the school bus per the executive order issued by the President on January 21, 2021.

Food Service

- The use of touchless data entry by students and staff at the checkout stations will be maximized to the largest extent possible.
- Students will be seated in the cafeteria in accordance with a seating chart maintained and updated by the Building Administration.
- Disposable food service items will be utilized where possible.
- Self-serve water stations will not be available.
- Food Service protocols are subject to review, revision and deletion throughout the 2021-22 school year based upon future guidance from the Indiana State Department of Health, the Shelby County Health Department and/or the United States Department of Agriculture.

Custodial/Maintenance

- Custodial personnel will clean and sanitize rooms using a combination of manual cleaning of touchable surfaces and the use of an electro-static fogger.
- Sneeze-Guards will remain at the work stations in each building as requested by assigned personnel.
- Stocking and re-supply of hand sanitizing stations, classroom trigger bottles and other associated cleaning supplies will be included on the nightly checklist for Custodial/Maintenance personnel.
- Drinking fountain bubbler functions will remain deactivated.
- Touchless bottle fillers will remain activated.
- Cleaning and sanitizing of touchable surfaces in high traffic areas (i.e. rest rooms, common areas, etc) will be done daily.

Visitors to Campus Facilities

- Access to campus during the normal school day will be limited to those persons having instructional and/or business interests at the school.
- Access will be granted to parents/guardians who are on campus for purposes directly relating to the educational or behavioral interests of their student(s) (i.e. case conference, disciplinary hearing, etc). Lunch room visits are suspended until further notice.

TCES Child Care Program

- In accordance with Indiana statute, before and after school Child Care will be offered for NWCSO students in grades K-6.
- Hand Sanitizing stations will be located at specified entrances.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be at each entrance to the cafeteria and rooms housing students for childcare (Students and staff are encouraged to use hand sanitizing stations before entering rooms).
- Tables will be cleaned prior to the start of childcare and at closing time of child care.
- Students will be seated in accordance with a seating chart maintained and updated by the Building Administration or designee.

Appendix A

Campus Postings


Daily Parent Screening Tool

COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:

<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	FEVER 100.4* OR CHILLS <small>*or school board policy if threshold is lower</small>		SORE THROAT		COUGH* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH <small>*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough</small>
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN		HEADACHE* <small>*particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever</small>		NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

*May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.

- 1 Does your child have any sign of illness above?
 - 2 Were you in close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
 - 3 If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, begin isolation of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Have you been tested for COVID-19? Only a positive test or provider diagnosis can confirm if someone has a current infection.
 - 4 Please keep your student home until they meet the criteria.
-  If you have trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face **CALL 911!**

Appendix B

Federal Mandate for Masks on School Buses

Transportation Considerations

- Current guidance from CDC and National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT)
- Requirement for face masks on public transportation includes on school buses except for those –
 - Under the age of 2 years
 - Those with a disability who cannot wear a mask safely because of the disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C.12101 *et seq.*)
 - A person for whom wearing a mask would create significant risk
- Follow current mask guidance until further notice