

Twin Valley Bible Academy Reopening Plan

2020-2021 School Year

TVBA is excited to reopen its doors on Monday August 24. This document will attempt to outline consistent procedures toward the prevention and protection from COVID and hopefully answer any questions or concerns you may have about the coming school year regarding this. We are committed to the great mission of equipping and educating your children for “usefulness in their future stations” and now more than ever is our mission and purposes needed!

Cleaning & Disinfecting

Our facilities will undergo consistent and scheduled cleaning and disinfecting action daily. All products used will be approved for appropriate applications and needs. Communal spaces will be on a limited use basis and will undergo focused sanitizing appropriate to its usage. This includes bathrooms, the gymnasium etc. The limitations of these locations will be reviewed as virus counts decrease.

Health Monitoring

It will be our daily practice indefinitely to conduct a brief but poignant health screening starting each day. However, the process begins with you at home. It is *imperative* that if any of your children show symptoms of sickness to keep them home for at least that day.

Once arriving at school only one family will be permitted through the doors under the carport at a time. **Please wait in the carpool line for your turn**, even if you are running late. Everyone entering the building must undergo a screening for as long as is needed. During the screening a temperature check will be given (we will consider 100.4 or higher a fever), and each student will be asked to sanitize their hands as they proceed to their classes for the day.

The purpose behind this screening is to curb health safety at the door to allow for more liberty to move during the school day. **The buck must stop at the door—please wait under the carport, in your car, for the clear as you may have to take your child home.**

Student drivers should be sensitive to others in the “check” area before entering the building for their check.

Face Coverings

We maintain our commitment for students and staff to remain “face mask free” during the entirety of the school day. However, if your preference is for your children to wear a mask, they may. If you require your children to wear a mask during the day, the teachers may support you as parents, but cannot be held responsible for policing mask wearing.

Shared Objects

TVBA staff will make every effort to avoid the use of shared objects. However, in a school setting this is nearly impossible. Staff will try to maintain disinfection procedures appropriately. Students will be asked to provide and use their own personal school supplies for the year. Personal items should not be shared.

Classroom Spaces

Proper arrangements have been made to effectively maintain as much personal space as possible in a classroom. We are small enough where I do not expect a problem in this capacity. In the main learning center we will make every effort to exchange air through ventilation as well as assigning seat areas by family clusters to accommodate for lost space.

Food & Drink

TVBA will not discontinue the Thursday lunch program. Health precautions will be taken to make this a safe exchange. Students will eat lunch in their classrooms in their personal desk space. Students are asked to eat only the food that came from their home, from the Thursday Lunch ladies or from carefully stocked vending machines.

Individual water bottle usage is encouraged. Hallway water fountains should be used for filling stations.

Proper Procedures Education

Please take the time at home to review proper handwashing techniques and proper preventative techniques when coughing or sneezing. Teachers, especially in the elementary areas will facilitate proper techniques throughout the day.

Sick Students or Staff

As mentioned before, any student or staff member who is exhibiting signs or symptoms or any viral infection should stay home. The same should be fever free and medication free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Again, the goal is to remain open by arresting health threats before a student even reaches school.

If a person develops symptoms during the school day immediate measures will be taken to move the student to a designated room until they can return home. If a staff member or student tests positive for COVID, or any family member living with them, should quarantine themselves from school until cleared by a medical professional. All members of the family should stay home from school.

If someone within the school community should test positive for COVID, we will notify employees and families of possible exposure. Rest assured, according to HIPAA laws we will not share details about this information. We will handle each situation on an individual basis and will communicate such details with our school community. In each case a focused deep cleaning effort will be applied.

Absences due to Illness

As stated before, anyone who is sick should remain home from school. Absences related to COVID-19 will be considered excused for all parties involved. A doctor's note identifying a positive test will be needed to apply an excused absence. Teachers will strive to provide daily work for students in this case and the students will work from home.

Physical Activity

Physical activity is defined as Physical Education, Recess, Sports etc. It is vital and healthy that students maintain this time during the course of their day. The above programs will be structured appropriately to accommodate for prevention measures against the virus while maintaining the opportunity to be active.

Students will be allowed to come to school in their gym clothes on the appropriate day. Elementary grades will have gym on Wednesdays. 7-12 grade boys will have gym on Thursdays and 7-12 grade girls on Tuesdays. This is until further notice and is intended to cut down on traffic and exposure to personal items etc. in close proximity when changing for class.

Bussing

Parents who use public bussing for their children are encouraged to stay up to date with their district's safety procedures. Some companies may require face masks etc. Students riding the morning buses to school will be treated as a family unit per bus when it comes to the morning health screening. Again, please do not send your child on the bus to school if they are sick.

Athletics

TVBA plans to resume athletics for this year. However, participation in athletics depends heavily upon the Pennsylvania Christian Athletic Conference's decision regarding this and recommendations of the academy school board. We will follow what they direct. It is possible that with a sports season many guidelines and requirements will be set forth including those toward spectators. As information becomes available, we will communicate that to you.

Guests & Visitors

Guests & visitors will be greeted by a staff member at the door. If a visit is necessary, we ask that these parties undergo the short health screening and of course not attempt to enter the building if they are sick. Please do your part to limit the number of people in and out of the building. Kindergarten parents may accompany their students to class for the first week of school but will be asked to undergo the procedures mentioned above. The visit should be limited to one destination, then done.