

The background of the top section is a photograph of the Teays Valley Christian School building. The building is a large, light-colored structure with a prominent gabled roof and several windows. There are tall, thin evergreen trees in front of the building, and a paved walkway leads towards the entrance. The sky is clear and blue.

# Teays Valley Christian School Re-Entry Plan Frequently Asked Questions

## **1. How is TVCS VIRTUAL different from homeschooling?**

TVCS Virtual is a remote schooling option for K-12th grade students. Students will have real-time classes with their classmates along with an immersive curriculum and project-based learning that will facilitate a seamless transition between traditional, in the classroom learning, and the remote online classroom. TVCS teachers will provide online assistance and communication through face-to-face interaction, email, and Google Classroom. As a Virtual student, you are still a part of an accredited school with all of the advantages that affords, as well as being eligible for athletics and extracurricular activities.

## **2. What's the difference between Virtual and Online?**

Our definition of “virtual” is not the public school definition of West Virginia Virtual School. Our virtual program is the immersive remote online classroom OUR teachers provide for our students who choose to work from home. Virtual and blended instruction use the same curriculum as the traditional classroom experience, with the added online platforms and support, making it the same expense as a traditional classroom.

## **3. What steps has the school taken to keep students and staff safe?**

The facilities and procedures have been modified to encourage hygiene and increase the safety of our students and staff. Hand sanitizer stations will be in all classrooms and strategically located around the building. Bathrooms are being upgraded with touchless faucets and soap dispensers (Paper towel dispensers are already touchless).

- Water fountains are being converted from traditional water fountains to bottle filling stations.
- Elementary desks will be separated by clear plexiglass barricades to help prevent the spread of germs.
- Staff and students in grades 3-12 shall wear a face covering at all times. Students in grades K-2 are encouraged to wear face coverings.
- Temperature checks will occur daily for students and staff.
- Anyone with a temperature exceeding 100.4 will be asked to remain at home.
- Anyone with a temperature above 100.4 will not be allowed in the building.
- Other symptoms such as coughing, shortness of breath, and vomiting will result in a student being required to stay at home.

\*\*A detailed plan entitled TVCS Covid Health and Safety Protocol is provided in the Parent-Student Handbook and will be reviewed at Open House.

#### **4. Is there a discount in tuition for the blended or virtual option?**

There is no discount for blended or virtual. The expenses are the same, actually a little more than the traditional option, and students will be experiencing a full academic program with all of the rights and privileges of being enrolled in a fully accredited Christian school.

#### **5. How will we do Open House this year?**

A PARENT ONLY orientation will take place on two separate dates, August 31st for Elementary and September 1st for Secondary.

**ELEMENTARY Open House— Monday, August 31st**

Parents of grades K-2: At 6:00 P.M., meet in the church auditorium. You will be assigned social distancing seating.

Parents of grades 3-5: At 7:00 P.M., meet in the school gymnasium. You will be assigned social distancing seating.

## SECONDARY Open House— Tuesday, September 1st

- Parents of grades 6-8: At 6:00 P.M., meet in the church auditorium.
- Parents of grades 9-12: At 7:00 P.M., meet in the gymnasium.

\*\*These are important informational meetings on COVID protocols and changes to school procedures, including drop off and pick up plans.

### **6. What about snacks and lunch?**

Snacks and lunches will take place in individual classrooms to contain exposure from other grade levels in the lunchroom.

### **7. Is there a new drop off and pick up plan this year?**

Yes. These procedures will be presented during the orientation sessions and can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook.

### **8. What if schools have to shut down at some point during the year?**

If schools have to shut down, TVCS will go to fully virtual teaching. This will be remote online instruction with their traditional teachers, just through an online platform. Students will be asked to login at traditional school times for lessons (different for elementary and secondary depending on student population) and will be responsible for each day's work just as they would during a traditional school day. The structure and rigor of the classroom will be as similar as possible.

### **9. What about masks?**

Staff and students in grades 3-12 shall wear a face covering at all times. Students in grades K-2 are encouraged to wear face coverings.

### **10. What about athletics?**

TVCS is planning a full athletic schedule for all teams.

## **11. What about PE?**

Physical education will continue to be an integral part of our school program. It may look a little different this year as we adjust to the realities of Covid, but physical activity will be encouraged and facilitated.

## **12. What about art and music?**

Art and music will continue to be an integral part of our school program but will be delivered differently. The music and art teachers will come to the students, rather than students going to them. Art utensils will not be shared, and singing and wind instruments will be put on hold until further notice. All the teachers are researching best practices to provide instruction in a safe and effective manner.

## **13. Will we still have a hot lunch program?**

YES. However, the food will be delivered to students in their regular classrooms.

## **14. Will students still get some breaks or will they be cooped up in one classroom all day?**

We will plan for safe periodic breaks for all students and will also utilize outdoors more this year. We are setting up a few outdoor class spaces for use as weather permits.

## **15. What if we go on vacation during the two weeks prior to school opening or sometime during the school year?**

Parents will need to provide details of the trip to the administration to determine whether or not a student can return to school with or without a two week quarantine. If a quarantine needs to be observed, the student will attend school virtually.

## **16. Can we change our mind regarding traditional, blended or virtual?**

Yes. You may change your mind at any time, even after the beginning of the school year.