

## Communicable Disease Plan 2022-23 – Tucker Maxon School

### Reporting:

When there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 during the school day for a student or staff member we will immediately contact the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

When there are three or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 at one time, Tucker Maxon School will work with the Multnomah County Health Department to determine proper sanitation procedures and possible facility closure.

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Daily logs are no longer required, but will continue to be a procedure that Tucker Maxon used as a way to track attendance, COVID-19 and other illnesses in cohorts. Daily Logs include:

- Student name
- Drop off/ pick up time
- Adult completing both drop off/ pick up
- Adult emergency contact information
- All staff that interact with stable group of students (including floater staff)
- Any additional registration paperwork that has the contact information of students and staff

### Screening

All student and staff temperatures will be checked upon entry to the school every morning. Any student or staff with a temperature of 100.4 or above will be sent home.

In addition to temperature checks, staff and students will be screened for additional symptoms:

- New onset Cough
- Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Chills
- New loss of taste or smell

If the student or staff member displays any of these symptoms, they will be sent home.

A staff member will ask each student or adult entering the school, “Do you have any symptoms or exposures to COVID-19?” If the adult or student answers “yes” they will not be allowed at school. Additional questions and the list of symptoms will be posted at each door as a reminder to families. The posted questions are below:

- Have you, or anyone in your household been in contact with someone outside of your household who has a presumptive or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Have you, or anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days?
- Do you have any of the primary symptoms for COVID-19?

Any person who has been in close contact\* with a person who has COVID-19 should monitor themselves and/or their child for symptoms for at least 10 days and take a home test 5 days after exposure. If the person gets a negative result, consider taking another home test one to two days later. If symptoms develop during the 10-day period, the person should isolate for 5 days and seek testing. On days 6-10 if symptoms are improving and the fever is gone, the person should wear a tight-fitting mask at all times when they are not at home. The following are exceptions to quarantine:

\*Close contact for students is within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes.

If a staff member or student is found to have a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, or display one or more of the below **primary symptoms** during the school day, they will be sent home:

- New onset Cough
- Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Chills
- New loss of taste or smell

A student (with a signed parent permission slip on file) or staff member who becomes ill with any of the primary symptoms above while at school, will be tested with a Binax Now Covid-19 Rapid Test. If a student or staff member tests positive they will be asked to seek a healthcare provider and get a standard Covid-19 test. If the student or staff member does receive a positive Covid-19 test result, Tucker Maxon will report results immediately to the OHA. Staff and students will be required to remain home for at least 5 days after illness started and until 24 hours after fever is gone, without the use of fever reducing medicine, and other COVID-19 symptoms are improving. On days 6-10 a tight-fitting mask should be worn at all times, except when eating and drinking.

A student or staff member that reports persistent **non-primary symptoms** for more than a day will be asked to seek a healthcare provider for an evaluation to determine if viral testing is needed.

Non-Primary Symptoms:

- Fatigue
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Headache
- Nasal Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a student displays the above symptoms during school, they will be isolated under the supervision of a staff member until pick up can be arranged with a parent or guardian.

**Mitigation Strategies:**

- Tucker Maxon K-5 students are highly encouraged to participate in the OHSU weekly COVID-19 diagnostic testing program. Onsite Binax Now testing is available for students or staff who develop symptoms while at school.
- All families are highly encouraged to keep their child home when they are sick.
- All Families are highly encouraged to keep their child up to date on vaccines and boosters, including the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Staff training on strategies and protocols
- Symptom screening at all drop off points
- Isolation of students or staff who develop symptoms while at school
- Physical Distancing
- Cohorting of classes  
Cohorting refers to establishing a consistent group of students that stay together for a significant portion of the school day. Examples include stable mealtime cohorts, classrooms, table groups, lunch bunches, and other group situations. Cohorts should be as small as feasible to minimize exposure.
- Frequent handwashing throughout the school day
- Scheduled sanitizing and disinfecting of high touch surfaces

- Air circulation and ventilation throughout the school is monitored. There is regular maintenance and replacement of Merv-13 filters in HVAC system. Each office and classroom also have a HEPA air filter system that is regularly maintained.
- Face coverings and/or possible cohort closure **will be implemented** when transmission is high\* within our school community

\*High Transmission Defined as:

1. At the school level:  $\geq 30\%$  absenteeism, with at least 10 students and staff absent
2. At the cohort level:  $\geq 20\%$  absenteeism, with at least 3 students and staff absent

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