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Dear Trinity Families,

COVID-19 has presented many challenges beyond health concerns to our community and our school district. In an ever-changing environment the coronavirus has been fluid at best. As your child's school district, Trinity has had to make many adaptations to provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

One of the early indicators of this virus is an elevated temperature. We have purchased 6 (six) sensory cameras that will take the temperature of the students as they enter the building. If an elevated temperature is indicated, the school health nurse will then use a handheld thermometer to confirm the existence of a temperature, and the student will be isolated until the parent is notified for pick up.

Classrooms are being outfitted with hand sanitizing stations. Teachers will reinforce using them to help students understand the importance of good hygiene to deter the spread of the coronavirus.

Social distancing will occur in the classrooms, cafeteria and hallways with appropriate distancing of seating. Markers indicating direction and spacing are being placed in the buildings to assist the students in adhering to this protocol. (Please see the attached document for more detailed information and safeguards.)

Aside from the physical challenges of preparing the buildings for your children, administrators, teachers and staff have been working to prepare the optimal learning experience for your child, either with a hybrid approach or online experience. Hardware and software have been purchased and installed in all of the buildings to make this possible. A critical piece involves teacher training and practice. In order to provide this training, **Trinity Area School District will be moving the starting date for school to Tuesday, September 8.** On that day, Group A students will report to school and Group B students and online students will receive their instruction online. The first day of in-school instruction for Group B students will be on Thursday, September 10. The scheduled graduation date at the end of the year remains the same. A revised detailed calendar will be available next week.

Additionally, by having access to online instruction, the need for snow days and two-hour delays may be reduced as your child would have access to their education at home.

As a district we empathize with parents as they deal with these unexpected but necessary schedule changes. Our intent is to increase training for our teachers at the beginning of the year to create a more positive experience for everyone. We appreciate your patience as we continue to adapt what we do to be able to continue the tradition that encompasses Trinity Pride.

Sincerely,

*Trinity Area Administration*

# Trinity Area School District

## What are we doing to keep our students & staff safe?

### Enhanced Cleaning/Disinfectant Procedures

- Victory ElectroStatic Backpacks purchased for every building to be used by janitorial staff in hallways and classrooms
  - For additional information, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPjIO9RDihA&feature=youtu.be>
- Handheld Victory ElectroStatic Sprayers purchased for use in nurse stations at each building
  - For additional information, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOhXaBHT3Ho&feature=youtu.be>
- Increase in sanitization of frequently touched surfaces throughout the day (door knobs, bathrooms, etc.)
- UV Wands to sanitize electronics and technology in the building

### Temperature Monitoring Devices

1. Thermal Imaging Cameras
  - a. Tic-Lite Unit for main entrances of every building
  - b. Tic-EZ Unit for van/student drop off entrances of each building
2. Handheld Temporal Scanners
  - a. Multiple per building (totaling 80)

### Transportation (Bus & Van Transport)

- Viruserv ElectroStatic sprayers purchased for all transportation vehicles
  - For additional information, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9llulTH-bC4>
- AM ElectroStatic spray prior to students boarding busses
- High touch areas disinfected between grade level runs
- ElectroStatic spray between AM and PM runs
- Pandemic signage on all vehicles in fleet to remind students of social distancing and personal hygiene protocols

### Personal Hygiene

- All students will have their own district ASSIGNED Chromebook or alternative device, K-12
- Hand sanitizing stations installed throughout the buildings
- Masks/face shields available upon request in each building
- Disinfectant available in all classrooms
- Limited use of manipulatives in classrooms

### Facility Updates

- Water fountains closed for use. Multiple water bottle filling stations installed in each building
- Air Filtration System Updates
  - Update of current system allowing for an increase of outside air flow into facilities
  - Switching to Merv-13 HVAC Filters, which eliminate harmful particles from the air and increase overall air quality in buildings
- Plexiglass dividers installed in high traffic areas (office, cafeteria, etc.)

### Signage and Social Distancing Measures

- Visual aids to help with directionality of hallway traffic
- Signage to ensure social distancing in lunch lines
- Signs reminding and encouraging staff/students to wash hands near bathrooms and in common areas.