



Toombs County Schools Re-Opening Guidelines:

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

- The first day of school for Toombs County Schools will be August 7, 2020.
- Students and staff will have morning temperature checks: At bus stops (bus monitors), Front entries of schools for students (school nurse and designee's) and staff entries for school staff (Administrator's and designee's).
- COVID-19 Screening Questions will be posted at the main entrances for staff and students.
- Any student or staff member with a temperature above **100.4** will not be permitted at school. Toombs County School System COVID-19 Guidelines requires 48 hours to be fever free **or** doctor's note **or** negative COVID-19 test.
 - If at the bus stop- Parent is required to take child home.
 - If parent is not at the bus stop: Child will be quarantined on the bus with mask to prevent spread. Parent is contacted by school personnel to receive child.
 - If in car rider line- Parent is required to take child home.
 - If parent leaves the car rider line: Child will be quarantined in school isolation area with mask to prevent spread. Parent is contacted by school personnel to receive child.
 - If student is sick at school with fever of **100.4** or higher.
 - School Nurse will quarantine child in school isolation area with mask to prevent spread. Parent is contacted by school personnel to receive child.
 - Any staff member with fever with **100.4** or higher will not be allowed to enter building. Staff member must be fever free for 48 hours **or** present a doctor's note **or** negative COVID-19 test.
- Toombs County Schools will have a Nurse or Nurse Paraprofessional at each school who will be in ongoing communications with the Department of Public Health regarding school information and health measures taken to ensure safety of students and staff.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, due to Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA), the school and/or school system is not required to disclose information due to confidentiality. Toombs County Schools will contact the Department of Public (DPH) with that information. The DPH will handle any and all "contact tracing" measures. However, in an effort to maintain transparency, a generic message notifying of a positive case will be communicated and sanitizing measures will be shared for the school.
 - Students or staff with the positive COVID-19 test case must quarantine for 14 days and be symptom free of COVID-19 **or** have a release from a doctor to return to school.
 - Students with COVID-19 will be assigned work virtually, through Google Classroom and/or Odysseyware for up to 14 days before they return. If the student does not have internet capabilities, Toombs County Schools can provide a limited amount of chromebook devices and/or "wifi hotspots" based on need.

- Students or staff wearing masks from home are welcome. If a student at school has a fever of **100.4** or higher, a mask will be issued and required to be worn while being quarantined in isolation until parents can receive them. If it is the end of the day and student has not been picked up, parents must report to the school to receive the child. No student with a documented fever **100.4** or higher will be allowed to ride the school bus home in the afternoon. Toombs County School System COVID-19 Guidelines requires 48 hours to be fever free **or** a doctor's note **or** COVID-19 negative test.
- During morning take-in times, school doors and classroom doors will be propped open to avoid touching entries. At 8:05am each morning, the doors will be closed and guests must communicate with the receptionist via the buzzer system and speaker at the front door of the school. All school deliveries must adhere to this rule also.
- There will be no attendance awards for the 2020-2021 school year.

School Sanitizing Measures

- Toombs County Schools will carefully sanitize each school and classroom throughout the day and after school each day.
 - One additional custodian will be assigned during the school day per school to comprehensively sanitize touch points (door handles, bathrooms) throughout the school day.
 - Teachers will use spray containers of "EcoLab™ Peroxide Multi-surface Cleaner and Disinfectant (approved COVID-19 sanitizer)" spray to mist/fog their room between classes.
 - During teachers planning, classroom desks and chairs will be sanitized thoroughly.
 - Water fountains will **not** be used and students are encouraged to bring bottles/containers of water from home.
 - All playground equipment will be sanitized and disinfected throughout the day at each school.
 - Sanitizing stations will be posted throughout each school at entries, in the school office, as well as in hallways.

Student Learning

- Toombs County Schools will have a virtual/distance learning option available. Please note, any student wishing to participate in the virtual/distance learning option is mandated to a full semester of utilizing the virtual/distance learning option before being considered for return to the traditional school model. Please email questions@toombs.k12.ga.us with student name, school, grade level information, requests, and contact information for further guidance.
- Toombs County Schools Virtual Learning Options:
 - Grades K-2- Google Classroom Distance Learning Model with Toombs County School System teachers facilitating instruction.
 - Grades 3-12- Odysseyware (Full Online Curriculum) Toombs County Virtual Learning Coordinator will facilitate progress of learning.
- Any parent wishing to enroll their student in the virtual/distance learning option must email questions@toombs.k12.ga.us with student name, school, grade level, requests, and contact information by **NOON on Friday July 24, 2020** to be considered for virtual/distance learning. You will then be contacted by school personnel to set up appointment regarding virtual/distance learning options.
- Any parent wishing to enroll their student in the virtual/distance learning option will be required to sign a contract stating what required expectations are for their child to return to the traditional school setting.
- Any student utilizing virtual/distance learning option will be required to spend a full semester utilizing this option before consideration to return to regular school (No placement test required for re-entry into the traditional model).

- Any student wishing to spend the entire 2020-21 school year on the virtual/distance learning option will be required to take a grade-level placement test to determine appropriate placement before re-entry into the traditional model for the following school year.
- For a student to remain eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities, they must choose the traditional learning option **or** the distance/virtual learning option through the Toombs County School System. If a student withdraws from the Toombs County School System to enroll in a Virtual Learning School, they will no longer be considered a Toombs County School System student and will not be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities.
- Toombs County Schools will have a Virtual Learning Coordinator who will serve as the liaison between the virtual learning (Odysseyware) setting and the individual school.
- In the event of a school shutdown caused by a severe spread to our community indicated by the Georgia Department of Public Health, Toombs County Schools has developed a Distance Learning Plan for continued learning and mastering of standards.
- On the first day of school, all student log-in information to the Toombs County Schools “Dawg House”, email, and any other learning accounts will be sent home in the case of distance learning protocol during the school year.
- Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be assigned work virtually, through Google Classroom and/or Odysseyware for up to 14 days before they return. If the student does not have internet capabilities, a limited amount of chromebook devices and/or “wifi hotspots” are available based on need. **Please note: Any student with a positive COVID-19 test MUST quarantine for 14 days and be symptom free before returning to school.**

School Transportation

- Toombs County Schools will provide transportation as normal. However, it is recommended to provide transportation for your child during this time if possible.
- School buses will be carefully sanitized by the drivers after each route using spray containers of “EcoLab™ Peroxide Multi-surface Cleaner and Disinfectant (approved COVID-19 sanitizer) to mist/fog their bus.
- Sanitizer will be used plentifully on school buses for students, driver, and equipment.
- Between routes school bus windows will be opened to properly vent the bus during the day.

School Lunch

- All Cafeteria staff will wear facemasks.
- Cafeteria staff will comprehensively sanitize and disinfect all workstations throughout the day.
- Disposable food service items will be used.
- All breakfast will be served “Grab-N-Go” style for students to pick up and take to classrooms.
- Lunch service will vary depending on grade level:
 - Pre-K will be delivered to the classroom.
 - Grades K-2 will be served in the cafeteria at specified times determined by the school, to include enough time in between grades for cleaning and sanitizing serving lines and tables.
 - Grades 3-12 will come through the serving line to pick up meals and return to classroom.