



## Back to Class 2020

We have missed our Lions and are excited to welcome those new to our Pride. As we prepare for students to return to campus, we have created procedures outlining how we will come back to class and help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Thompson Intermediate will follow pertinent health guidelines and is committed to the following:

- **The health and safety of our students, staff, families, and community is our top priority.**
- **Every decision made will take into consideration the latest guidance and direction from local, state, and federal authorities on operational considerations during the school day.**
- **Providing the highest quality instruction to all students regardless of circumstances.**
- **We will support the well-being of every student and staff member.**

### ***What is Thompson Intermediate doing?***

<b>Campus Procedures aligned to PISD Covid-19 Action Levels</b>
<b>Enhanced Training/Orientation of Health &amp; Safety Protocol</b>
<b>Adjustment of Facility &amp; Daily Operations</b>
<b>Covid-19 Campus Response Plan</b>

Thompson has an already established campus culture of organization, communication, and structure. In addition to our strong foundation, we have created new procedures to address the needs of students and staff as we navigate life with Covid-19. These procedures are in place to keep our school family safe and continue focusing on student learning. All students will receive training on our procedures prior to coming to campus.

**\*\*\*Listed below are general guidelines that will adjust as Covid-19 Action Levels may fluctuate.**

#### **Arrival**

- All students are required to wear a face covering/mask.
- Multiple entry points monitored by staff.
- Students will sanitize hands as they enter the building.
- Students may eat breakfast on campus.
- Students will report straight to Homeroom, not congregate in the hallways.

**Breakfast**

- Only students eating school breakfast will be allowed in the cafeteria seating area in the mornings.
- Additional seating has been created for students to be seated 3-6 ft. apart.
- Students are expected to properly throw away their trash and clean their area. Students will sanitize their hands before and after eating.
- Students will report straight to Homeroom after they finish breakfast.
- Cafeteria and serving areas will be cleaned during student transition.

**Transitioning**

- Masks/face coverings are required.
- Classroom doors will be left open to reduce high touch areas.
- Transitioning of students will be staggered during the school day.
- Students will not be allowed to congregate in hallways.
- Established one-way hallway traffic movement to limit congestion.

**Classroom Setting**

- Students will sanitize hands upon entering the classroom.
- Classroom seats, desks, and other common areas will be sanitized after each use.
- Students will be seated with as much separation feasible without disrupting the educational experience.
- When able, classroom windows will be open and outdoor spaces utilized for learning.
- Staff & Students will wear masks/face coverings.

**Lunch**

- Staggered lunch schedule implemented to allow for social distancing during mealtime and additional time for sanitation between groups.
- Additional seating areas have been created to allow for students to sit 3-6 ft. apart
- Cafeteria, serving, and eating areas will be cleaned between uses.
- **No visitors or outside food delivery will be allowed.**

**Dismissal**

- Multiple exit points monitored by staff.
- Staggered release procedures.
- Students will be released straight from their classroom to the bus, parent pick up area or allowed to walk home.
- All students must leave school property immediately, no loitering.

**Extracurricular/Non-Academic Activities**

- Athletics, Fine Arts and other extracurricular activities will be conducted in alignment with UIL guidelines.
- Non-UIL activities will follow the same Covid-19 related guidelines as UIL activities.
- All events must be in compliance with state social distancing guidelines.
- Hand Washing or Hand Sanitation stations will be available for all activities.
- Activities will adjust based on Covid-19 Action Levels.

### **Transportation**

- Families are encouraged to transport their students, if able, to and from school during the pandemic.
- Parents should ensure students do a daily Covid-19 screen prior to boarding school transportation.
- Bus transportation will be offered; however, due to social distance recommendations, students and drivers will be required to wear face coverings.
- Bus riders should distance themselves 6 feet from each other while waiting to board the bus and while loading.
- Hand sanitizer will be located at the front of the bus for use as students enter the bus.
- Students will be assigned seats and loaded back to front. Bus will be unloaded front to back.
- Driver will spray and sanitize seats, handrails, and steering wheels after each use.

### **Health Protocols**

All employees will receive Covid-19 specific training and instruction on how to implement our Safety & Health Protocols. All students will receive training and orientation on the campus guidelines for Safety & Health Protocol.

#### **Employee Health Protocols:**

- All Thompson employees will be required to complete a self-screening daily.
- All employees shall know, understand, and practice methods to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.
- All staff must practice appropriate disinfecting techniques, hand washing, and respiratory etiquette.
- All employees shall regularly wash their hands/use sanitizer when reporting to work, after using the restroom, and throughout the school day.
- All employees shall maintain 3-6 feet distancing from others.
- All employees shall wear non-medical grade facemasks, covering nose and mouth, while on campus.

#### **Student Health Protocols:**

- All students must self-screen prior to coming to school or boarding school transportation.
- All students will be instructed on methods to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 at school.
- All students will practice appropriate social distancing, hand washing, and respiratory etiquette.
- All students will regularly wash their hands when reporting to school and after using the restroom.
- All students will maintain 3-6 feet distancing from others when feasible.
- All students shall wear non-medical grade face masks, covering nose and mouth. Face coverings must comply with the same standards of Student Dress Code (no offensive language, images that depict drugs, sex, violence, gangs or are otherwise inappropriate for the school environment)

### **Facility & Daily Operations**

Our facility and daily operating procedure have been adjusted to align with Safety and Health Protocols. These adjustments were made with the health and safety of all in mind.

- Hand Sanitizing Stations installed throughout the building and in every classroom.
- Increased sanitation of the building and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces throughout the school day.

- Custodial staffing will be realigned to allow for ongoing cleaning of communal surfaces during the instructional day.
- Classrooms will be equipped for cleaning between changing student groups.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided for staff and installed in common areas.
- Adjusted schedules to allow for staggered arrivals, dismissals, and transitions.
- **To limit exposure, no visitors will be allowed on campus.**
- Parents requesting a meeting must call to schedule a time. Virtual meetings will be preferred. Parents who schedule a face-to-face meeting must pass self-screening and wear a face covering.
- To ensure the safety of students and staff, no outside deliveries will be accepted (i.e. food, gifts, etc.).
- Until further notice, the use of field trips to enhance the educational experience will be postponed.
- Until further notice, there will be no large student assemblies. These will be held virtually.

### **Covid-19 Campus Response Plan**

Covid-19 Action Levels address daily school day operations and are tailored to our specific campus needs. Precautions will be stepped up at each level and schedules adjusted to mitigate the possible spread of Covid-19. Students and parents will be notified via call out, email, social media, and campus website if the level changes. It is important that everyone stay connected to the campus so that you receive the most up to date information.

Pasadena ISD has created a Student Process Map for Covid-19. Thompson will follow those steps and has also created a Covid-19 Response Plan in the event an individual begins to show symptoms while on campus. **Students will be sent home who show any of the signs/symptoms associated with Covid-19 as detailed by government health officials.**

- All students and staff must self-screen prior to coming to school.
- Do NOT come to school if you are sick.
- Individuals on campus, who begin to show symptoms of Covid-19, will be isolated, assessed by the nurse, and sent home.
- **Parents/guardians will be required to pick up students who have symptoms.**
- Under TEA guidelines, the child cannot return to school until at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared, and at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc.).

Prior to returning to campus, we want everyone to minimize his or her risk of exposure with increased practice of social distancing.

- Limit exposure to non-family members
- Avoid large crowds or gatherings
- Limit unnecessary travel
- When unable to social distance, wear a mask per CDC recommendations.

We all have a shared responsibility to make our campus safe, let us do this together! See you soon.

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