

COVID-19 Exposure/Contraction Procedures

For the safety of fellow students, faculty, staff, and clients, it is vitally important that those who suspect that they or someone in their bubble (person or people with whom one is in frequent, close contact, often unmasked) has been exposed to COVID-19 to inform TLC, get tested, and isolate. Failure to comply with TLC's COVID-19 policies and procedures may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

If you have COVID-19, are experiencing COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, or believe you may have been exposed, please do not go to the TLC campus. Symptoms you should check for include: fever (99.6+), chills, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of sense of smell or taste, muscle or body aches, sore throat. If you have COVID-19 or believe you may have been exposed, please contact the Director, Mark Dauenhauer directly at markd@tlcschool.com to schedule a phone call, COVID tracing and establish next steps for returning to class. Students with real or suspected illness that are scheduled for clinic, must contact the MTI-on-Duty at 512.374.9222, ext. 30 immediately. The MTI-on Duty will cancel all appointments at no cost or penalty to the student.

No student may return to campus without being cleared by the school Director.

TLC requires any student with real or suspected illness to get tested and cleared by a physician before returning school. New and changing information is affecting how we are handling COVID-19 cases here at TLC.

In a statement, the FDA said that antigen tests "do detect the Omicron variant, but may have reduced sensitivity," meaning it's possible the tests could miss an infection, particularly in the early stages of the disease. Based on this information students can choose do one the following:

- 1. Isolate for 10 calendar days and then get a rapid test. If that is negative and you are symptom-free, the Director will clear you to return to class.
- 2. Get a PCR test (a more conclusive test, but with a longer turn-around time). If that is negative and you are symptom-free, the Director will clear you to return to class.

In both cases, you must email a screen shot of your test results to the Director. Home tests results will not be accepted at this time.

If you are sick or awaiting test results, please limit your exposure to others so you can resume classes as soon as you are cleared to do so.

Students who miss class because of real or suspected illness will need to make-up classes in the make-up room. Upon return, students' related make-up fees will be waived, effective the date they notified the Director.

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