

COVID PROTOCOLS

November 2022 until further notice

TIS Pandemic Guiding Principles - 2022-2023 School Year

- TIS will minimize the impact COVID-19 has on teaching and learning.
- TIS will continue some of the risk mitigation efforts from previous school years.
- TIS will loosen or tighten restrictions as the pandemic progresses
- TIS will mandate that all employees must be vaccinated in line with the Uzbek government ruling.
- TIS will facilitate vaccinations for all students when vaccines are age approved and become available in Uzbekistan.

Protocols

1. Masks are optional, both indoors and outdoors, unless otherwise indicated by the Covid Response Team.
2. We no longer require PCR tests and will use rapid antigen test results instead.
3. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are allowed to visit campus.

Isolation Protocol (Cases)

1. Cases will have an isolation period.
2. Day 1 is the date of the positive test result.
3. Cases return to school as soon as they have a negative test result and no or mild symptoms. Tests to determine return to the community must take place in the TIS Health Unit under the supervision of the School Doctor or a member of the COVID Response Team.
4. If a case continues to test positive past Day 5, they can return on Day 6 when symptoms are improving or cease. They must wear a mask until they test negative or until Day 11, whichever comes first.

Quarantine Protocol (Close Contacts)

- Close contacts are determined by the COVID Response Team through contact tracing.
- TIS uses the CDC K-12 school guidelines of 15 cumulative minutes over a 24-hour period within 1 meter as the definition of close contact.
- Once identified, a close contact does a rapid antigen test.
 - i. With a negative test result and no symptoms, they return to school and monitor symptoms for five days.
 - ii. Close contacts will use the TIS Health Card during this period to document health status.
 - iii. With a positive test result, they enter the isolation protocol. (see #3)

TIS encourages all students from PS1-12 to have an initial, full vaccination regime and boosters when available.

To report cases or seek advice, please send an email to the following address:

covidresponseteam@tashschool.org

TIS consults with the Tashkent International Clinic, US Embassy Medical Unit and the World Health Organization Tashkent Office to determine our policies. We use Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization publications as guidance but set our COVID protocols based on the best interests of the school community.



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