



Dear Friends,

As winter approaches, we write to update you on our Covid-related policies and procedures.

We are proud of this community's unwavering support of the health and safety rules that make in-person learning possible, and conscious of the fact that even the most tightly run ship is vulnerable to the challenges of the coming season. Our priorities: first, to continue strict adherence to protocol while accommodating weather-related challenges, and second, to prepare as a community for possible contingencies imposed by viral spread. Please see below.

Weather-related changes to in-person learning at TCS

We know that the virus is airborne and that maintaining healthy airflow is critical to reducing indoor spread.

1. TCS will continue to hold class outdoors as much as possible. To deal with the mud of the rainy season, we will be repositioning and upgrading our tents over Thanksgiving break.
2. When outdoor instruction is not possible because of heavy rain, students will remain in their classroom pods with windows and doors open. Specialty teachers will conduct class from outside the classroom windows at a distance greater than six feet, or will Zoom into class from another location on campus, with the primary teacher in the classroom as in-person support.
3. Most of the classrooms on campus are equipped with individual heating units and air is not circulated between rooms. We are installing UV sanitizers for added protection in heating systems with ducts.

All this having been said, because we will continue to operate outdoors as much as we can, and because the windows and doors will continue to remain open regardless of outside conditions, all children will need to come to school warmly dressed. Again, our goal is to continue to give students and faculty the benefit of a continuous supply of healthy fresh air.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly: the safety of our school community depends on each one of us. The [CDC](#) and [California](#) have released holiday guidelines. We ask that you read them carefully and follow them in every respect, for the safety of your family and for the good of the TCS community.

This month we give thanks for all that we have, and one of the many things we will be expressing gratitude for is you. We love our TCS community and we know we will all get through this together. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you, and-

of course- to seeing our kids at school every day.
