

2021 Kickapoo Area Schools Reopening Plan & Procedures

Reopening Schedule

	<u>ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>MS/HS</u>
AUG 9 AUG 10	Teacher Inservice Open House from 3-6 pm	Teacher Inservice
Mon AUG 16	School Starts	

General Operations Procedures

- Students and Staff should self-screen for Covid at home, if students have 2 or more symptoms and are not vaccinated, they should follow exclusion guidelines. These guidelines are to get a test to determine Covid-19 status, if negative and symptoms resolve the student may return to school.
- Masking is required on school provided transportation
- Masking is required inside any school building by everyone. Masking outdoors remains optional.
- Hand sanitizer holders have been installed next to every classroom door, and we encourage sanitizing upon entry to each room.
- Parents, Visitors, & Vendors
 - Visitors to the building will be asked to self screen upon check-in. Visitors may be limited and/or be required to use face coverings in times of higher community transmission.
 - Vendors will continue to make deliveries to the back of the building.
 - Parents should not expect to wait at the elementary office for their children after school, we are trying to eliminate larger congregated groups of people.
 - Parent/Teacher conferences will be in person depending on community transmission rates, with appropriate distancing being observed.

Transportation Procedures

- Face coverings will be required at all times on the bus, this is currently the law, we will continuously evaluate our procedures throughout the year.
- Bus capacity will not be limited, about 40 students per bus is back to normal. The district will monitor community transmission rates and reducing bus capacity is a mitigation measure that we may implement in times of higher community transmission.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Arrival/Breakfast Procedures

- Additional tables will be placed in the MS/HS gym to provide additional seating and to space students out more.
- Elementary students will eat breakfast in the elementary cafeteria, in times of higher community transmission we may revert back to elementary age students eating in their classrooms.

Instructional Model: In Person Classroom Procedures

- Classrooms have been arranged to allow for a minimum of 3 foot distancing.
 - Virtual instructional methods will be embedded into the school day that will allow for a smoother transition if we are required to move to an all virtual instructional model in the future.
 - Show and Share items brought from home will not be allowed.
 - Specific seating charts will be in place for each classroom to aid in quarantines due to Covid exposure if necessary.
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Instructional Model: Synchronous Virtual Instruction if Quarantined

- Students will be required to “attend” each class virtually via Google Meet as if they were in school in grades 4-12.
 - Attendance will be taken like normal. Each student is expected to attend in person or to virtually attend each class.
 - Each student will be given a device to use from home in grades 3-12.
 - SeeSaw will be the preferred Learning Management System in grades 4K-2.
 - The district will make every effort to utilize synchronous learning for students who are quarantined.
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Lunch Procedures

- Additional tables will be placed in the MS/HS gym to provide additional seating and to space students out more.
 - Tables will be cleaned between lunches
 - MS/HS students will be staggered in lunch release times
 - A cold lunch option may be offered out of the snack shack for MS/HS students
 - Elementary students will eat in the elementary cafeteria, with some modifications.
 - Vending machine will be operational to begin the year. (We will look at this in times of high transmission)
 - Pre-wrapped plastic cutlery will continue at the ms/hs, at the elementary school cutlery will be handed to students at the end of the line.
 - Pre-made salads, no salad bar will be offered.
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Recess Procedures

- Elementary recess will have multiple grade levels out at recess together.
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Special/Elective Classes Procedures

- PE Group sizes will be managed.
 - PE will be outside as much as possible
 - Choir will be held in the auditorium to maximize distance between students.
 - Band will utilize bell covers and keep students distanced.
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Building/Environment Updates & Changes

- HVAC modifications will continue, we will exchange air at higher than required levels.
 - Plexiglas has been installed in certain high traffic areas for student and staff protection.
 - Drinking fountains are disabled at the elementary level, but the Touchless Water bottle fillers are available , students should bring water bottles to school.
 - HEPA air purifiers have been installed in smaller office areas to help remove airborne particles.
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Cleaning Procedures

- All tables will be cleaned between each lunch service.

- Items will be disinfected frequently, multiple times per day
 - Water fountains
 - Handrails in stairways
 - Door handles
 - Sink handles
 - vending machine
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Technology Procedures

- Each student in grades 6-12 will be issued their own device to use throughout the year.
 - Elementary teachers grades 3-5 will have carts of chromebooks to deploy when they decide to utilize them for instruction.
 - The auditorium has been upgraded with classroom friendly features to allow this space to be utilized more effectively as an instructional space.
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Athletics Procedures

- Sports Specific Details as it relates to participation in competitions will be dictated by the WIAA
 - Football Starts Aug 9
 - Cross Country & Volleyball Start Aug 16
 - Concessions allowed, with workers gloving up.
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School District Quarantine Protocol

- In the event of a positive COVID student or adult, The Vernon County Health Department will coordinate with a school district liaison staff member to discuss any other potential contacts within the school that may need to be notified.
- "Positive Covid cases are required to be isolated for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or a positive test, the health department will contact affected people. If a vaccinated student or adult is determined to be a close contact they will not be required to quarantine unless they develop symptoms. This exemption also applies to students/staff who were previously diagnosed with COVID during the prior 90 days.
- All unvaccinated close contacts, both adults and students will be required to quarantine for a period of 7 days with a negative test within 48 hours of the completion of their quarantine, and they will need to be symptom free to return to school. If parents choose not to test their children the quarantine period is 14 days. Exception: In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.
- Foreign Exchange Students - required to quarantine students for 14 days upon arrival in the US if they are unvaccinated. If exchange students want the vaccine, we will connect the health department with the host agency to coordinate permissions for the student to get vaccinated.

<u>Vaccinated Individuals</u>	<u>Unvaccinated Individuals</u>
<p>Vaccinated individuals who are a close contact to a positive case and have no symptoms are not required to quarantine. They should monitor themselves for symptoms for 14 days after exposure, and if symptoms begin, they should isolate and contact their primary care provider.</p>	<p>Unvaccinated individuals who are a close contact to a positive case, if the contact occurred in a maskless environment, are required to quarantine for 7 days, they may return if they are symptom free after a 7 day period if they have obtained a negative test within 48 hours of the end of quarantine (may be tested starting on day 5) They should continue to monitor for symptoms for the entire 14 days since their exposure.</p>
<p>If a vaccinated individual has a breakthrough Covid infection, they will need to be quarantined for 10 days post symptoms/test, this has not changed from last year.</p>	<p>Unvaccinated staff and students who develop symptoms and contract Covid will need to quarantine for 10 days post symptoms/test, this has not changed from last year.</p>

- **Athletic update 10/14/21 Indoor athletics- All visitors, workers, officials, coaches and players sitting on the bench will remain masked. Competing athletes are not required to be masked.**