

January 3, 2022

Hello Kent School Community,

Thank you very much for your continued patience, kindness and thoughtfulness for others as we navigate this pandemic together.

We have posted the newest Ohio Department of Health (ODH) guidelines for exposures and COVID-19 positive cases on the Kent City School district website. [Here is the link to the page.](#) We will be following these guidelines. This will take time and patience as we learn and implement the new guidelines.

**Students and staff that are infected with COVID-19** - people who have tested positive are required to stay isolated for at least 5 days after the first day of symptoms or the day they test positive with no symptoms.

**Example:** A person gets a runny nose and sore throat on Thursday, January 6th. He or she stays home and isolates and tests for COVID. He or she could return to school on January 12<sup>th</sup> as long as he or she is fever free for 24 hours without any medication that decreases body temperature and symptoms are gone or very minimal.

The student or staff member needs to be able to complete a full school day. If someone can only attend a half day, they still need time to rest and recover. Everyone is unique and heals at their own pace. Please do not send your student to school if they are still ill. Call Stephanie Young, at 330-730-1996, if you need to discuss your child's readiness to return.

**The Mask to Stay/Test to Play Option** has been updated by ODH. [Please click the link to review this revised protocol.](#)

**If your student has one or more symptoms of COVID-19, please keep them home and call them off of school.** We will supply home test kits to your family as we receive them from ODH. Please call your school clinic to set up a time to pick up the test kits. Test kits may also be available at the Kent Free Library as well. We can only accept the results that are done with the proctored service. [Here are the instructions of how to do the proctor test.](#)

Thank you to all who have reported positive COVID-19 cases on our new reporting link. [Here is the link for your convenience.](#)

I move throughout the six school buildings each day. I am hearing students' laughter and seeing true joy and happiness as our students interact with their classmates and staff. I am so glad our students can attend school together. Please keep up your great work of monitoring for symptoms. Your diligence is making a huge difference and keeping our children in school.

We are getting through this unusual time together. Please let me know how I can assist you.

Thank you and take care.

Your district nurse,  
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