



# Kankakee Valley School Corporation Return To School Plan 2021-2022

Because of the diligence of school staff and the partnership with our families, the Kankakee Valley School Corporation was able to successfully serve nearly 95% of our students in a traditional school setting during the 2020-2021 school year. We recognize that children learn best when physically present in the classroom and are prepared to continue providing quality instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Kankakee Valley School Corporation (KVSC) will begin the 2021-2022 school year with the traditional school model for all students. We will continue with precautions and protocols designed around the health and well-being of our students and staff. Changes to this plan may become necessary based on local regulations or ISDH guidelines. The [school calendar](#) can be found on the district website. Changes may occur in the event of a significant increase in Covid positivity.

**Registration:** Registration for returning students will open in mid-July 2021. It is critically important that families complete the registration process for each student as this assists in planning for class sizes and teacher needs. More information about the registration process will be available on our website and sent through mass communication means.

**Masks:** Masks will be optional in KVSC schools for the 2021-2022 school year when the county is under blue or yellow status. Masks may be required if there was a "substantial spread," defined as 10% of a building testing positive for COVID-19. At this time, masks will be required on the school bus (per federal transportation requirements). Students who are symptomatic will be required to wear a mask until they are picked up by a parent or leave the building.

**UPDATED:** Approved 9/27/21, Implementation 9/28/21:

*Students in grades K-5 will continue to have the option to wear masks. Students in grades 6-12 will continue to wear masks in the classroom setting through Friday, October 29, 2021. Starting Monday, November 1, 2021, students in grades K-12 will have the option to wear masks.*

*Masks may be required if there is a substantial spread, defined as 1% of the building testing positive for COVID-19 that have resulted in school contact tracing and*



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**quarantining.** *If masks are required because of a substantial spread, the mask requirement will last for at least 21 calendar days from the last documented positive case that required contact tracing. Students are required to provide their own mask. At this time, masks will be required on the school bus (per federal transportation requirements). Students who are symptomatic will be required to wear a mask until they are picked up by a parent or leave the building.*

*Executive Order 21-24 provides that if EVERYONE (including vaccinated individuals) is masked and someone is a positive case, close contacts within three feet are notified to monitor for symptoms for 14 days. The close contacts in the classroom setting are not required to quarantine unless symptoms develop. A close contact must check his/her temperature before school and after school. Close contacts during lunch, band, choir, etc. will be required to quarantine if within 6 feet of a positive individual.*

*Anyone unmasked (positive case and/or close contacts unmasked) must quarantine. A close contact is defined as any individual within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory confirmed or probable case) for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period. They must quarantine with one of the three options:*

- A. 14 days after the date of last exposure;*
- B. 10 days after the date of last exposure, following additional precautions for days 11-14; or*
- C. 7 days after the date of last exposure with a negative PCR test result occurring on day 5 or later, following additional precautions for days 8-14.*

*\*Unless fully vaccinated (documented) or have been ill with COVID-19 within the previous three months and recovered, and with any symptoms (documented).*

Contact tracing is not necessary for any outdoor activity.

**Closure:** If school closures become necessary, students will continue instruction through Google Classroom (K-6) or Skyward (7-12). The school district will continue to provide intervention services to students who qualify in a safe way during that time. Meals will



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also be provided during school closures. Specific details regarding distribution will be provided when necessary.

**Communications:** Communication regarding school safety measures will be provided via the district website, district social media, and messaging services.

## Health/Sanitization Protocols

**Transportation** - As social distancing on a bus will be challenging, we strongly encourage families to bring student(s) to school to help minimize numbers on the bus. When not possible, here are our bus guidelines:

- Students will be separated on the bus where feasible. Siblings or children living in the same household will be seated together.
  - Stagger seating if the bus is not at full capacity.
  - Assign seating for all students.
- Buses will have hand sanitizer available. Students will be expected to utilize hand sanitizer while entering and departing the bus.
- Bus windows will be down for ventilation when appropriate.
- Buses will be appropriately disinfected daily

## Arrival

- Students will be discouraged from convening in one area until the bell rings for the safety of our students/staff.
- Students may use hand sanitizer or hand washing upon arrival into classrooms.
- Common areas will be restricted when feasible.

## Dismissal

- Parents must use the car line for student pick-up.



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## **Cafeteria (Breakfast and Lunch)**

- Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Hand washing/hand sanitizer will be available before and after lunch.
- Cafeterias will be appropriately disinfected after each use.
- Students eating breakfast will continue using grab-and-go practices.
- Full menus will be offered if possible.
- Lunches/cafeteria will be closed to visitors.

## **Classrooms**

- Multiple social distancing strategies will be implemented based on the feasibility of the unique space and needs of each school.
- Extra classroom furniture will be eliminated to accommodate more classroom space.
- Students will be encouraged to maintain distance from each other in the school and taught appropriate hygiene/COVID practices.
- Teachers will maintain updated seating charts in the event that contact tracing becomes necessary.
- Personal water bottles will be encouraged and allowed.
- Frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing will be promoted throughout the day.
- Students will be informally observed for illness and referred to the school nurse as needed.
- KVSC teachers/staff will clean/disinfect frequent touchpoints regularly.

## **Playgrounds**

- Handwashing/sanitizer will be available upon re-entry to the building.

## **Cleaning/Hygiene**

- Targeted cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched hard, non-porous surfaces, such as counters, tabletops, stair rails, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets,



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drinking fountains, and any other surfaces that are visibly necessary.

- Hand sanitizer will be available near most exterior doors, all classrooms, and all buses.
- Students and families will be provided with best practices for hygiene during the school day and upon arriving at home.

## Health Services

- Each school is staffed by a school nurse.
- School nurses will provide COVID safety training/materials to faculty and staff.
- Parents are encouraged to screen students at home prior to sending them to school.
- Students/adults who are symptomatic will be issued a mask to wear until they are picked up by a parent or leave the building.
- School nurses will work with school administration to promote healthy behavior and assure adherence to CDC and quarantine guidelines. The assistant superintendent and superintendent will monitor CDC, ISDH, and local health guidelines and the following of these guidelines.

## Visitors/Volunteers

- Visitors to campus will be limited and may be required to participate in temperature checks and screening before being allowed.

## Athletics/Activities

- IHSA guidelines will be followed regarding player and spectator safety.
- School assemblies, field trips, activities, etc. will return to pre-2020 procedures. Principals will set the parameters for those events.

## Other General Items

- Parents should keep their children at home if they are ill. Any student or staff member with a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater or symptoms of possible COVID-19 virus infection should not be present in school.



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- The school district will quarantine close contacts according to CDC and ISDH guidance.
- The Return to School Plan is subject to change in the event of Federal, State, and/or Local requirements, as well as an increase in the spread of COVID-19.