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Mission statement:

Our mission is to guide students to become informed, engaged citizens, and curious, lifelong learners.

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Good evening KVSC families and staff,

We are excited to welcome back our students on Thursday, January 6, 2022. We hope that you have had a restful and joyous holiday break. We look forward to another successful semester of learning and engagement. Below you will find an outline for the updated control measures published by the Indiana Department of Health, which includes links for the legally required quarantine—the full document outlining these required actions as well as a bulleted PowerPoint.

Beginning this week, all KVSC staff and students will adhere to the updated protocols as outlined below:

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for 5 days from the onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic, for 5 days after the date of collection of their positive test. The individual may return to school on Day 6, only if symptoms are resolving and they have been fever-free for 24 hours without medication. The individual must wear a mask for Days 6-10. Students may resume extracurricular activities on Days 6-10 if able to wear a mask properly at all times.
- Students and staff who are close contacts of a positive case while at school in a mask optional environment or outside of the classroom, including home contacts, are legally required to quarantine for 5 days after the last date of contact unless the individual is fully vaccinated or has a positive test for COVID-19 on file with the school in the last 90 days.
 - Individuals who are **not fully vaccinated** may return to class on Day 6 if asymptomatic, and wear a mask at all times in classroom for at least 5 days. They may resume extracurricular activities on Days 6-10 by wearing a mask properly at all times including while actively performing or playing activity. If symptoms develop, then stay home and get a test. If positive for COVID-19, follow the isolation guidance. If negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.
 - If **fully vaccinated**, the student or staff member may remain in school as long as they continue to be asymptomatic and must wear a mask at all times in classroom for at least 10 days. They may continue extracurricular activities by wearing a mask properly at all times while not actively performing or playing activity. If symptoms develop, then stay home and get a test. If positive for COVID-19, follow the isolation guidance. If negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.
- **Please note: the IDOH has updated their definition of “fully vaccinated” to mean having received ALL doses of the vaccine, including a booster, if eligible.**
- While on the school bus, all students, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask per federal mandate.

Mitigation Strategies

KVSC staff will continue to implement enhanced health and safety protocols, including sanitizing frequent touch points in buildings, providing students with ample opportunities to wash and sanitize their hands, and requiring all students and staff to remain masked while on school buses. To further support our efforts, please continue to adhere to the following:

Home of the Kougars

- Keep your child home from school and call the school nurse if:
 - They are not feeling well and exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19;
 - Your child has been exposed to an individual with COVID-19 outside of school;
 - You are waiting for COVID-19 test results for your child; or
 - Your child tests positive for COVID-19—Be sure to report any positive COVID test for your child(ren) to the school nurse.
- Avoid attending large gatherings if you are ill and exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Practice good healthy habits, including frequent hand-washing and covering your coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

Sincerely,

Don Street
Superintendent

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Assistant Superintendent

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District Nurse

[K-12 Guidance 12-30-21](#)

[COVID-19 Control Measures](#)