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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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Dear KVHS Families & Staff,

Due to the number of positive cases of COVID-19 we received today and the number of people placed in quarantine, Kankakee Valley High School has made the difficult decision to move to eLearning on Friday, January 14, 2022 and Monday, January 17, 2022.

Based on Kankakee Valley's Return to School Plan, Kankakee Valley High School (KVHS) will move to a mask requirement starting Tuesday, January 18, 2022. There are currently 17 cases of COVID-19 among students and staff that have caused contact tracing.

The KV Return to School Plan states that masks may be required if there is a substantial spread, defined as 1% of the building testing positive for COVID-19 resulting in school contact tracing. 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. Masks will continue to be required on the school bus (per federal transportation requirements).

The updated Indiana Department of Health requirements for schools when everyone is wearing a mask are outlined below: <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/K-12-Guidance-1.6.22.pdf>

K-12 Isolation Guidance: When all are masked:

**If student tests positive:**

- Stay home for 5 days
- Return to school Day 6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and continue to mask Day 6-10 in classroom (if unable to mask properly at all times around other people, must remain isolated at home for full 10 days)
  - Symptoms must be resolving/improving, and student must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
  - May resume extracurricular activities on Day 6 if able to wear a mask properly at all times for Days 6-10, above conditions are met and cleared by physician.

K-12 Quarantine Guidance: When All Are Masked:

If student is exposed to someone with COVID-19 **in the classroom:**

- As long asymptomatic, may remain in school and continue to wear a mask properly at all times for 10 days, test on Day 5 if possible
- May continue extracurricular activities; wear a mask properly at all times when able (while not actively performing or actively playing during your sporting activity) for all 10 days
- If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home and if positive, follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

K-12 Quarantine Guidance: When All Are Masked:

If student is exposed to someone with COVID-19 **outside of the classroom, including home contacts:**

- If fully vaccinated
  - May remain in school as long as continue to be asymptomatic
  - Wear a mask at all times in classroom for at least 10 days (quarantine ends 10 days after the last day of exposure to the positive case), test on Day 5 if possible
  - May continue extracurricular activities; mask at all times. Unmask only when actively playing or performing.
  - If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.
- If unvaccinated or partially vaccinated
  - Stay home for 5 days; test on Day 5 if possible - Return to class on Day 6 if still asymptomatic. Continue to wear a mask for Days 6-10.
  - No extracurricular activities for 5 days of home quarantine. May resume Day 6 only if able to wear a mask at all times (including while actively performing or playing during your sporting activity) for Days 6-10. If you cannot safely mask, do not participate in the extra-curricular activity.
  - If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we adjust to the updated guidelines provided to us.