

COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN 2022-2023



2022-2023 COVID-19 Response Plan

Kankakee Valley School Corporation successfully returned our students to a traditional school setting during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years following the Return to School Plan that was developed and modified per the guidelines of the Indiana Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control, and Indiana Department of Education. As the COVID-19 pandemic transitions to an endemic, we remain committed to the health and well-being of our students, staff, and community. The need for a Return to School Plan is no longer relevant. This plan has evolved to become the COVID-19 Response Plan.

The Kankakee Valley School Corporation (KVSC) will welcome all students back to school for full-day, in-person instruction for the 2022-2023 school year. 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-19 positivity.

Registration: Registration for returning students will open in mid-July 2022. 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 continue to be optional in KVSC schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

Closure: If school closures become necessary, students will continue instruction through synchronous (or live) eLearning. The school district will continue to safely provide intervention services to students who qualify during that time. Meals may also be provided during long-term 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.

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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 the number of students on the bus. When not possible, here are our bus guidelines:

- Buses will have hand sanitizer available. Students are encouraged to utilize hand sanitizer while entering and departing the bus.
- 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 in classrooms.
- Common areas will be restricted when feasible.

Dismissal

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

Cafeteria (Breakfast and Lunch)

- 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.
- Lunch/cafeteria may be restricted to visitors.

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Classrooms

- Teachers will maintain updated seating charts.
- 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 staff will clean/disinfect frequent touchpoints regularly.

Cleaning/Hygiene

- Targeted cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched hard, non-porous surfaces, such as counters, tabletops, stair rails, doorknobs, restroom fixtures, toilets, 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.
- Parents are encouraged to screen students at home before 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.

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Visitors/Volunteers

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

Athletics/Activities

- IHSAA 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.
- The school district will quarantine close contacts according to CDC and ISDH guidance.
- The COVID-19 Response 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.