

## KVSC Return to School Plan

### Frequently Asked Questions

### Parents and Students

*The answers below represent KVSC's current understanding of COVID-19 and the measures needed to reduce risk.*

	Low/No Spread Preventive Practices	Minimal/Moderate Spread Enhanced Mitigation Measures
<b>When will a final plan be developed?</b>	<p>The reentry plan has been developed based on current health and safety recommendations and guidance from the Indiana Governor, Indiana State Department of Health, Jasper County Health Department, as well as feedback from the parent survey and collaboration with teachers and administrators.</p> <p>The plan is scheduled to be approved at the July 13 Board meeting. Changes should be expected as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.</p>	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>May the KVSC's re-entry plan change?</b>	Yes, the re-entry plan may change and will if additional mandates or requirements are issued by the IDOE and/or the Governor's office. Also, it is possible there will be federal mandates.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>If we were to start the school year right now (July 24, 2020), would our level of incidence be green, yellow, or red?</b>	Yellow	<b>Yellow-</b> based on the Governor's Executive Order for mandatory face coverings.
<b>What factors determine whether we are green, yellow, or red?</b>	We do not have a metric and there has not been a stated metric from the health department. Incidence and spread is a fluid, and at times, a case-by-case situation. We will rely on the health experts from the Jasper County Health Department to guide those decisions.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>What do I do if my child is feeling sick?</b>	Families are recommended to take temperatures daily before going to school. Anyone with a fever of 100.4 F or higher should not go to a school site.	Same as Low/No Spread

	<p>Students and adults should also screen themselves for respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and/or a new loss of taste or smell prior to coming to school each day. Students and adults experiencing those symptoms should not attend school.</p> <p>Parents must call the school the school if your child is not attending and explain the reason.</p>	
<p><b>Are students and staff required to wear a face covering?</b></p>	<p>Face coverings are strongly recommended for staff and students (as they choose), and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.</p> <p>Students may be required to wear a face covering when: working in small groups in the classroom or engaging in active participation activity (or lab) in the classroom.</p> <p>Face coverings must follow school dress code protocol.</p>	<p><b>All staff, students, and teachers will be required to have a face covering with them at all times. Wearing face coverings will be required at all times with a few expectations.</b></p> <p>Students may receive instruction from a teacher or staff member using a face shield or altered face covering when the instruction requires visibility of the teacher’s mouth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ When staff or students are performing tasks that cannot be completed while wearing a face covering: eating, drinking, strenuous activity, and other approved activities.</li> <li>○ When the wearing of a face covering by a teacher may impede the student’s learning (younger grades, Kindergarten, etc.), a face shield may be used.</li> <li>○ When a medical condition is present and documented, a face shield may be allowed, as well as other accommodations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Will face coverings be provided for students?</b></p>	<p>No. If students wish to wear face coverings/face coverings, they must provide their own.</p> <p>face covering must meet the school dress code protocol.</p>	<p>One reusable face covering will be provided to each student.</p> <p>Families are encouraged</p>

<b>What if my child has a documented health reason that would prevent them from wearing a face covering?</b>	Face coverings are optional and the student could choose to not wear one.	If a student has a documented health reason that would preclude them from wearing a mask, then KVSC would not require them to wear a mask. When a medical condition is present and documented, a face shield may be allowed, as well as other accommodations. This will be communicated to the appropriate school staff by the school nurse in the same manner that we confidentially communicate other health-related services to best meet the needs of a student.
<b>Why are face coverings not required at all times in the green level?</b>	This decision has been made at the recommendation of health experts. When students are able to maintain acceptable physical distancing, masks will not be required at level green.	Face coverings are required at this level.
<b>May students wear face shields?</b>	Face shields, like face coverings, are optional but recommended in some areas.	Students may wear a face shield, but it must be paired with a face covering as well.
<b>Will face coverings be required at recess</b>		Outdoor recess with appropriate physical distancing will not require masks.
<b>Will students be provided hand sanitizer?</b>	Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom. Students may also bring hand sanitizer from home for their personal use.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>What are the procedures if students refuse to follow social distancing and face covering guidelines?</b>	Schools are permitted by law to make reasonable procedures to ensure safe operation. When a student violates an established rule of the school, the student is subject to progressive disciplinary consequences. Each building will outline social distancing and face covering expectations.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>What do I do if my child is in a high-risk group?</b>	Medically fragile students are at high-risk of severe medical complications if exposed to COVID-19, and therefore may be unable to attend school. Discussion should occur with the child's health care provider to determine whether continued remote learning is the appropriate plan until adequate immunization can occur. The parent should contact the building administration immediately. The determination of the services to be provided must be made by school administration based upon the individual student's medical and educational needs.	Same as Low/No Spread

<b>What do I do if I am afraid to send my child to school because of COVID-19?</b>	In collaboration with the Jasper County Health Department, KVSC is taking every reasonable precaution in returning to school. If parents are still concerned, please contact your building administration.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>May parents request alternative virtual education if they have reservations of returning their child to traditional school?</b>	<p>KVSC has the goal of providing the highest quality instruction for all students. Parents with safety concerns should talk with their health care providers and building administration.</p> <p>Parents with reservations about returning their child to traditional school should contact the child's building administrator on July 22 or July 23 to discuss virtual programming for alternatives that meet the needs of the student.</p>	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>What is the difference between eLearning and virtual learning?</b>	<p>KVSC considers virtual learning the learning platform chosen as the alternative to participating in the school building. Students using virtual learning have committed to this platform to the end of the semester.</p> <p>eLearning is when an entire school, class, or district must transition to online learning due to a COVID related closure. This closure could be target, short-term or long-term.</p>	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>Will students who are participating in virtual learning be allowed to participate in choir, band, orchestra, theater, clubs, and athletics?</b>	Co- and extra-curricular activities will be provided to those students who attend school in person. Those who are staying at home for Virtual Learning will not be able to participate.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>What will teachers do if a student in the classroom appears to be sick?</b>	<p>The student should immediately report to the nurse's office and the nurse will evaluate the student.</p> <p>Students/staff with COVID-19 symptoms will be isolated and proper PPE will be utilized by the nurse and the student. If students are sent home, they will be walked out to the parent rather than the parent coming into the school.</p>	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>What if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school?</b>	When there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was on school property, KVSC will contact the Jasper County Health Department and the Indiana Department of	Same as Low/No Spread

	<p>Education. Families should inform the school nurse of positive cases as soon as possible after receiving results. The decision to keep school open or closed will be made with health department guidance.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Jasper County Health Department to contact the person confirmed with COVID-19 and provide further information.</p>	
<b>How often should students wash their hands and who is responsible for ensuring they do this?</b>	Elementary students will follow their typical schedule of restroom breaks. Teachers will reinforce good handwashing techniques to students and encourage them to wash their hands. Middle school and high school students will also be reminded of proper handwashing techniques and be encouraged to wash their hands. Students will be encouraged to sanitize hands as often as possible.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>How often should desks be cleaned and who will do the cleaning?</b>	The desks will be disinfected at the end of each school day. Classrooms will be provided with a spray disinfectant that can be used during the day. Secondary teachers will spray desks at the end of each class period prior to the next group of students' use of the desks.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>How will areas of high touch like door handles and frames be cleaned throughout the day?</b>	Custodians will continue to increase the frequency of disinfecting high touch areas throughout the day.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>How will student transportation work?</b>	<p>Students will arrive on buses and are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering. They will be assigned seats and sit with family as much as possible.</p> <p>Students will be limited to one address for busing (picked up/dropped off to 1 address every day)</p>	<p>Students will arrive on buses and are required to wear a face covering. They should be wearing this while waiting at the bus stop if around students not in their family. Students will be assigned seats and sit with family as much as possible.</p> <p>Students will be limited to one address for busing (picked up/dropped off to 1 address every day)</p>
<b>Is there an additional drop off plan in the mornings with more kids likely being brought to</b>	Our buildings are going to be flexible with families that are transporting students to multiple buildings. Please communicate as needed with the building principal. There may be new procedures as we are	Same as Low/No Spread

<b>school by parents with long drop off lines?</b>	changing things to accommodate additional drop-offs and pickups. Additionally, we will be flexible as we know that students may be arriving late due to the logistics of dropping off. Please work with your building administrator and they are ready to work with you. Tardies due to this new drop off scenario will not be penalized.	
<b>How will breakfast and lunch be arranged?</b>	Lunch seating will be spaced out as much as possible to utilize the whole space. Students will utilize assigned seating. They will make one pass through the serving line. A la carte items brought to student tables for purchase. Grab and go breakfast will be served with students eating in the classroom.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>May I visit my child?</b>	Parents and visitors may have limited access to the school campus. Parents and guests will not be allowed to have lunch with students during the school day.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>Will there be field trips?</b>	Field trips are not currently recommended. Virtual field trips will be considered when possible.	Field trips are not allowable at this time.
<b>How is band being handled, since face coverings are not able to be worn by many participants and there will be plenty of band participants openly blowing into the surrounding air?</b>	The state band association (ISSMA) has issued guidance we are evaluating. This may involve larger spaces, great social distancing, outdoor venues, and small groups actually playing. There are many options to increase safety in this area. This is true for choir as well.	Same as Low/No Spread
<b>Will this plan change?</b>	Please understand that these are beginning steps as we plan to return to school this fall and that as guidance changes, modifications may be made.	Same as Low/No Spread