

KANKAKEE VALLEY SCHOOLS 2020-2021

WHAT FAMILIES CAN EXPECT WHEN SCHOOL REOPENS



The health and safety of our students, staff, and families are of utmost importance. When the 2020-2021 school year begins in Kankakee Valley School Corporation (KVSC), school will look much different than previous years due to new health and safety measures. Each district in Indiana will be developing plans to reopen schools based on guidance from public health officials and state agencies. KVSC's district plans will be updated as the situation evolves.

It is important to note that KVSC's plans focus sharply on academic instruction to enhance student performance and address learning loss. At the same time, the corporation will also try our best to maintain the extracurricular programs, clubs, and athletics that are so important to the physical, mental, and social well-being of our students.

WHEN SCHOOLS RESUME IN THE FALL, THEY WILL LOOK DIFFERENT. *HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:*

Screening at Home



- 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.
- 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.

Arriving at School

- Staff and students must wear face coverings, in accordance with local health department recommendations. As of 7/27/20, they are required.
- Students that arrive on buses will wear a face covering based on health department guidance.
- Students will be limited to one address for busing (picked up/dropped off to 1 address every day)
- Parents and visitors may have limited access to the school campus.
- It is likely that arrival and dismissal times may vary depending on grade level.



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General Safety Precautions Throughout the Day



- Schools will follow disinfection guidelines developed by Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and CDC for school campuses including classrooms, workspaces, outdoor spaces, and playgrounds.
- All students and staff will be encouraged to wash/clean their hands regularly.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available in classrooms.
- Schools will limit the sharing of supplies between students and disinfect between uses if sharing is unavoidable.

Other Safety Considerations

- Staff and students must wear face coverings, in accordance with local health department recommendations.
- 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.
- Face coverings may be challenging for students (especially younger students) to wear in all-day settings such as school. The school will work to create times to take breaks without masks in distanced spaces.
- Gloves are not recommended for use by students.

ATTENDING TO THE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF OUR STUDENTS WILL BE A TOP PRIORITY AS THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL



KVSC staff are committed to supporting students' social-emotional wellness and offering resources to ensure students transition back to school smoothly. Support may include social-emotional learning, building relationships, community-building activities, and increased access to mental health/wellness services. Families and schools will need to work together to check how students are feeling and assess their individual needs to provide the support our students need during these challenging times

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ON CAMPUS AND IN THE CLASSROOM



Social Distance



Social distancing will help limit the spread of the virus. KVSC will consider the following strategies to maintain smaller groups of students in shared spaces:



- Modify school schedules
- Limit visitors on campus
- Keep students in smaller groups
- Space desks as far apart as possible



- Stagger lunch arrival/departure, recesses, and other transition times
- Reduce gathering in hallways or common areas
- Do not host large gatherings such as assemblies and dances



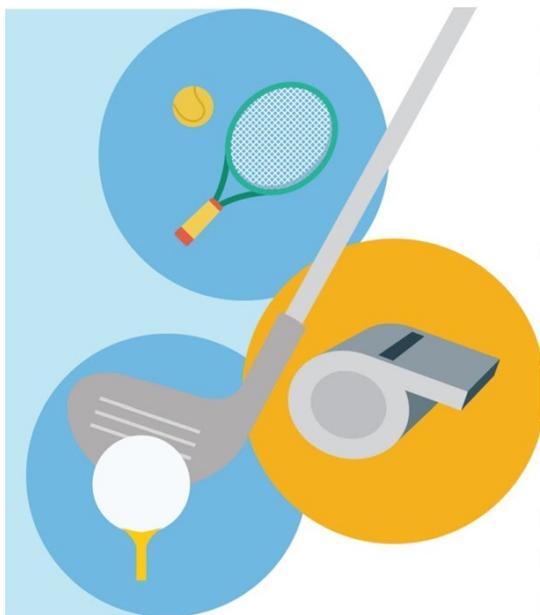
- Serve individually plated meals
- Assigned seating
- Where possible, keep student cohorts from mixing



- When feasible, identify a sick space/room for students who are not feeling well to minimize contact with others until they are able to go home
- Staggering locker assignments and allowing backpacks at the secondary level

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Sports and Extracurricular Activities



As of July 6, 2020, the following health and safety guidelines have been recommended by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) for the reopening of schools. (Reference Appendix: IN-CLASS, Appendix C, June 5, 2020) Summer activities are not mandatory.

- If social distancing is feasible and modifications are made, the first phase of athletic activities and training may begin on July 6th. Students and staff will be pre-screened prior to participating. Students are limited to 15 hours per week on campus and should be limited to conditioning and sport-specific activities. Conditioning may occur no more than four days per week and no sport may have more than two activity days per week. For contact sports, no contact is allowed. All other requirements noted in Appendix C of IN-CLASS shall also be followed.

- Sports that involve close contact and are allowed to resume contact on July 20th, as defined by IHSAA's Phase 2. Modifications to IHSAA scheduled events will occur, with the exception of girl's golf. Locker rooms can be used at 50% capacity. Sports may include intrasquad scrimmages. School will not provide any transportation to or from activities until after August 3.

- After August 15, teams can return to full-team practices, but small group activities should be used as much as possible. IHSAA contest competitions may begin for Fall Sports. Contact should be limited to only contact necessary to compete as defined by IHSAA. Spectators, media, and vendors may be present but should implement social distancing and follow established mass gathering guidelines. Reference Kankakee Valley spectator guidance.

Field trips are not currently recommended. Virtual field trips should be considered when possible.

Large group assemblies and dances are not recommended at this time.



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Medically Fragile/High-Risk Students and Staff

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 determination of the services to be provided must be made by school administration based upon the individual student’s medical and educational needs.

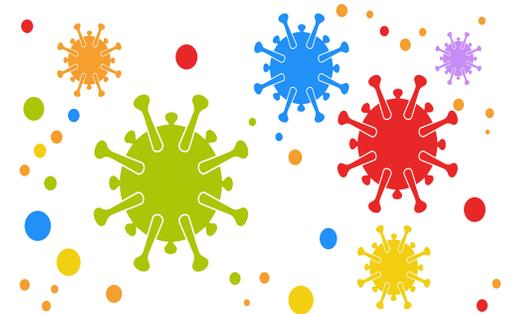
Parents with reservations about returning their child to traditional school should contact the child's building administrator on July 22 or July 23 to discuss optional programming for alternatives that meet the needs of the student.

Staff that believe they are high risk should contact their building principal, district director or supervisor, as well as the HR/Benefits Coordinator.

Confirmed Case of COVID-19 on School Property

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 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.

It is the responsibility of the Jasper County Health Department to contact the person confirmed with COVID-19 and provide further information.



Framework for Reopening

A review of the level of community spread in Jasper and surrounding counties shows Jasper County aligns with the “Low/No Spread” and “Minimal/Moderate Spread” categories aligned below.



KVSC will continue to monitor the rate of community spread on the Indiana State Department of Health web site and consult with the Jasper County Health Department.



If the level of community spread changes, the KVSC plan will be modified to reflect the increased rate of infection. This plan will be located on the KVSC website at www.kv.k12.in.us.