

# 3-School Newsletter

*Cooper Landing, Hope, and Moose Pass Schools*

August 23, 2021

## Student Injury Letter

[Please click here, fill out this form, and return it to your student's school.](#)

## A Message From Our Principal

Our Principal, Doug Hayman, has put together a Welcome Back video for all of our small school families. Please click the link below to view:

<https://youtu.be/rRSBvHjrNk4>

## District News About Covid Mitigation Plan

[Online News Release](#)

***KPBSD COVID-19 Mitigation Plan updated***

**Soldotna, August 12, 2021**—The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is looking forward to school beginning on August 17, 2021, and has some important updates to the layered mitigation plan designed to keep students and staff safe during the ongoing pandemic, and high community spread of the Delta variant.

Everyone can find the most current [KPBSD mitigation plan](#) in the [COVID-19 web hub](#), or on the State of Alaska website.

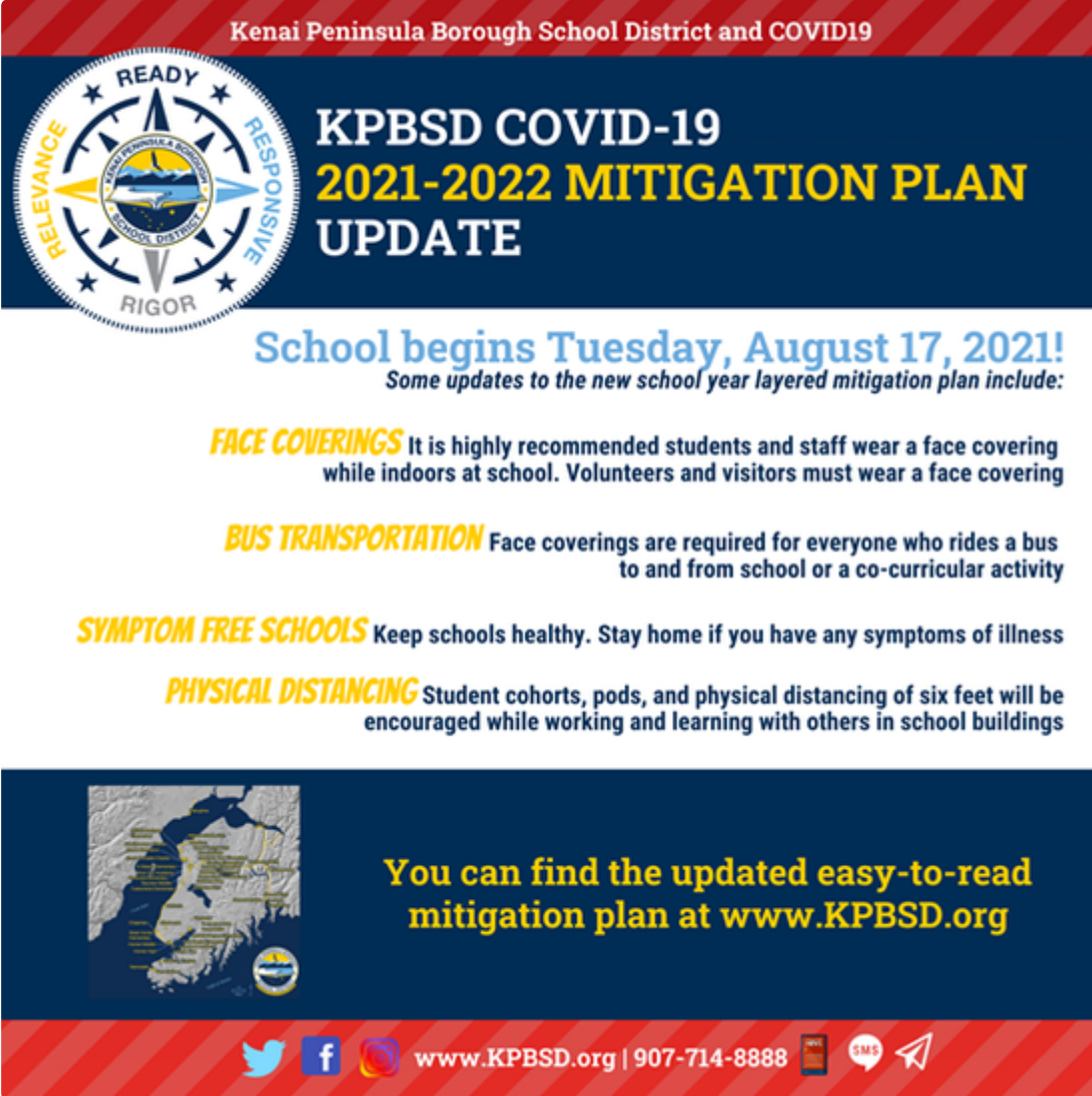
*A few highlights in the layered mitigation plan:*

- **Face Coverings:** The KPBSD highly recommends all students and staff to wear a face-covering while indoors. All visitors and volunteers must wear a face covering when indoors during the academic school day.
- **Symptom Free Schools:** Families and staff can help keep schools healthy. A person should stay home if they have any symptoms of illness, and potentially test for COVID-19.
- **Physical Distancing:** Student cohorts, pods, and physical distancing of six feet will be encouraged while working and learning with others in school buildings.
- **Bus Transportation:** Face coverings are required for everyone who rides a bus to and from school or a co-curricular activity. (U.S. Department of Transportation mandate.)

To learn about additional layered safety measures including handwashing and good respiratory etiquette; cleaning and building ventilation; contact tracing; diagnostic and screening testing; vaccination opportunities; and sports and activities, please review the KPBSD mitigation plan.

## Helpful Links

- [KPBSD 2021-2022 Mitigation Plan](#)
- [KPBSD COVID-19 Hub](#)
- [Symptom Free Schools](#)



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and COVID19

**KPBSD COVID-19  
2021-2022 MITIGATION PLAN  
UPDATE**

**School begins Tuesday, August 17, 2021!**  
*Some updates to the new school year layered mitigation plan include:*

**FACE COVERINGS** It is highly recommended students and staff wear a face covering while indoors at school. Volunteers and visitors must wear a face covering

**BUS TRANSPORTATION** Face coverings are required for everyone who rides a bus to and from school or a co-curricular activity

**SYMPTOM FREE SCHOOLS** Keep schools healthy. Stay home if you have any symptoms of illness

**PHYSICAL DISTANCING** Student cohorts, pods, and physical distancing of six feet will be encouraged while working and learning with others in school buildings

**You can find the updated easy-to-read mitigation plan at [www.KPBSD.org](http://www.KPBSD.org)**

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## Cooper Landing School Updates

We are off and running! The first week was a whirlwind and everyone enjoyed seeing their friends and participating in fun activities. Now it's down to business!

We are happy to announce that we have 3 new full time students this year, bringing our total to 13! Whoot, whoot!

### Fishing Trip

Plans are in the works for a fishing trip on September 10. Permission forms will go out later this week and an agenda at a later date.

### Masking

The district highly recommends that all students and staff wear a face covering while indoors. Any visitors to the school must wear a face mask.



## District News About Remote Learning Option

[Online News Release](#)

### ***KPBSD 100% Remote Learning Option***

**Soldotna, August 12, 2021**—The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District will offer a districtwide 100% Remote Learning option during the 2021-2022 school year. The new learning option will provide remote education to support the learning needs of KPBSD students and their families who have concerns about attending their neighborhood school in person during the pandemic. The districtwide 100% Remote option begins August 17, 2021, and is open to students in grades 1-12. Districtwide 100% Remote Learning is a teacher facilitated, parent supported program that is a blend of online curriculum and synchronous virtual connection with the learning community.

### **How-to Enroll**

- Students in Grades 1-12 will enroll for school at their neighborhood school, but tell the school secretary that they are selecting the KPBSD 100% Remote Learning option
- Students will have an option to transfer back to their home school during certain dates based on grade level\*
- When parents and guardians choose to enroll their children in remote learning, it is 100% remote. There is not an option to join neighborhood school classes simultaneously
- After enrolling, the 100% Remote school will contact families with a greeting and introduction to remote learning that is specific to the grade level enrollment of the student
- On Monday, August 16, 2021, a new 100% Remote Learning website will be live and provide additional information

### **Districtwide Remote Learning Options**

#### **Elementary: Grades 1-6**

***Elementary 100% Remote Learning is a teacher facilitated and parent supported effort that will utilize the curriculum of Edmentum.***

- Edmentum will provide targeted instruction in core subjects
- KPBSD remote instruction teachers will augment the curriculum by monitoring progress and targeting needed student support

- Community building and project based learning from the teacher will support students in their learning journey

*Note: this will be different from the way the 100% Remote Learning option was delivered from the neighborhood school during the 2020-2021 school year.*

#### **Middle School: Grades 7-8**

***Skyview Middle School will offer synchronous classes delivered from Skyview Middle School teachers. Students will enroll in their neighborhood school, and select the KPBSD 100% Remote Learning option.***

- Educators will teach 100% Remote instruction for both the 7th and 8th grade sections of the core classes: math, science, English Language Arts, and social studies
- 100% Remote middle school students and families will follow the Skyview Middle School bell schedule

***\*Enrollment transfer dates between 100% Remote and the neighborhood school for elementary and middle school grades 1-6 are:*** August 10–27, 2021; October 18–22, 2021; January 3-7, 2022; and March 14-18, 2022

#### **High School: Grades 9-12**

***KPBSD Distance Education and VTC classes will be utilized for 100% Remote learners.***

- Students will enroll in their neighborhood school.
- The school will identify the student as remote and enroll the student in the appropriate KPBSD online classes.

***\*Enrollment transfer dates between 100% Remote and the neighborhood school for high school grades 9-12 are:*** August 10-27, 2021; and January 3-7, 2022

#### **Questions?**

- Principal Rich Bartolowits will be the 100% Remote Learning administrator. Email [RBartolowits@KPBSD.k12.ak.us](mailto:RBartolowits@KPBSD.k12.ak.us)
- Website: On Monday, August 16, 2021, a KPBSD 100% Remote Learning website will be live and provide additional information. Go to the [www.KPBSD.org](http://www.KPBSD.org) homepage for the link

## **Moose Pass School Things to Know**

Parents: If you have not been on Power School to fill out your student's 'Back to School Forms' Please be sure to do that ASAP. If you have never logged into Power School, you will need to create an account. Here is a link to the forms and instructions:

[https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/students\\_parents.aspx?id=39221](https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/students_parents.aspx?id=39221)

We still do not have a Food Service Manager, so there is no meal service at this time. Students should come to school with food for am snack time and lunch. Also each student should have a water bottle, to avoid frequent trips to the fountain.

**September 6:** Labor Day No School

**September 13:** School Board Meeting: <https://go.boarddocs.com/ak/kpbsd/Board.nsf/Public>

**September 15:** Early Release Day- School is out at 1:45pm

**October 4:** Picture Day

**October 15:** In-Service Day- No School for Students

**October 28:** Conference Day- No School for Students

**October 29:** Conference Day- No School for Students

Welcome back to students tomorrow! We hope everyone has had a wonderful and relaxing summer. We are welcoming a new middle and high school teacher to our community this year. Tammy Highly, hailing from Shungnak, and originally from Missouri will be joining our team, replacing Ms. Earl.

A few notes regarding the beginning of the year:

1. If you have not yet registered your students, please do so **today**.

[https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/students\\_parents.aspx?id=39221](https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/students_parents.aspx?id=39221)

2. Please remember to bring outdoor gear and non-marking gym shoes, and a change of clothes (if your student is k-5) to be stored in their locker. We go outside for recess every day, rain, shine or snow!

3. We do not have a secretary at this time. Phones and emails may not be answered in as timely a manner as you are used to, so please bear with us through this transition.

4. Masks are not required this year, but the district **encourages** everyone to wear one anyway.

