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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# NEWS RELEASE

## *All Seward area 7-12 grade students can return to onsite-at-school learning on January 25, 2021*

**Soldotna, January 22, 2021—Good news: the community spread of COVID-19 is continuing to flatten on the Kenai Peninsula, and as more students return to onsite at school learning, if everyone follows the school mitigation plans, schools will stay open for the rest of the school year. Grades 7-12 have been attending on split schedules due to COVID-19 risk levels, and very soon all KPBSD students will have the option to attend school onsite five days a week. If you have questions or issues to solve, kindly call your school and talk to your principal, teacher, or school secretary.**

**Monday, January 25, 2021, Moose Pass and Seward schools will open for all 7-12th grade students to attend in-person, at school, every day**

**Monday, February 1, 2021, is the earliest possible date for:**

Central Peninsula (Kasilof, Kenai, Nikiski, Soldotna, and Sterling area schools)

Southern Peninsula (Homer area, Nikolaevsk, and Ninilchik schools)

**On or before January 28, 2021, KPBSD will provide an update with an official announcement about when central and southern peninsula schools will open onsite learning for all grades.**

### **ENHANCED SAFETY PLANS**

- **Shift in 2021:** Instead of broad regional decisions to extinguish the onsite learning option, the KPBSD district level team will work with individual schools when a positive COVID-19 case occurs in a school requiring student or staff quarantine, or results in staffing shortages. Thus, you may experience only a classroom or specific school shift to the 100% Remote Learning option
- To keep onsite learning happening and schools open, it is key that everyone follow the plans for health and safety. Thank you for sticking to the [KPBSD Symptom Free School](#) protocol
- **Bus transportation** is provided on a normal schedule, everyone must wear a face covering, and seating plans will be put in place
- **Staff and all ages of students wear a mask at all times**
- **Mitigation plans at school sites must be faithfully and fully implemented**
- **Pods or cohorts will be in consistent groups**

### **KPBSD: ONE DISTRICT, FORTY-TWO DIVERSE SCHOOLS**

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- **6' physical distancing needs to occur whenever possible.** Physical distance will keep staff and students healthy in school, minimize in-school exposure or transmission, and reduce the number of people who need to quarantine when a positive COVID-19 case occurs


### HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN GRADES 7-12 WILL BE OPEN EVERY DAY TO ONSITE LEARNING AT MY SCHOOL?

Parents, students, and families will receive a message from the district through School Messenger, and schools will also contact their families when this change takes effect. An announcement will be posted on KPBSD.org, the KPBSD mobile app, and on social media. The KPBSD team continues to monitor COVID-19 spread, health care capacity, and ability to staff and operate schools safely. Thank you for your good effort to open schools safely, and keep schools open! [Monitor your school risk level on the COVID-19 dashboard.](#)

#### Links

- [KPBSD COVID-19 Hub](#) or [covid19.kpbsd.org](https://covid19.kpbsd.org)
- [KPBSD COVID-19 risk level dashboard](#)
- Helpful flyer: [What to Do if You've Been Exposed to COVID-19: put your quarantine plan into action](#)

**Kenai Peninsula Borough School District**



## When will 7-12 grade students return to onsite at-school learning every day?

**Monday, January 25, 2021, Moose Pass and Seward schools will open onsite to all 7-12 grade learners, every day**

**Monday, February 1, 2021, is the earliest possible for Central and Southern Kenai Peninsula 7-12 grades to open to all students attending every day, onsite. \* An update will be announced by January 28, 2021.**

**\* 7-12 grades continue with A/B split schedules, but COVID-19 risk levels on the Kenai Peninsula continue to trend downward, so thank you for wearing face coverings, keeping physical distance, and following mitigation plans!**

**Questions or concerns? Call your school, or visit KPBSD.org**

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