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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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# 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](#)

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