



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District **COVID-19 Mitigation Plan**

The KPBSD COVID-19 Mitigation Plan updates will go into effect on Friday, March 4, 2022

Mitigation plan changes are based on:

- local hospital capacity for all patients
- availability of local hospital ventilators
- number of patients in local hospitals with COVID-19
- community transmission levels
- the impact and severity of current variants of COVID-19
- availability of vaccines and boosters for all staff and students
- availability and accessibility of testing and screening
- availability of treatments for symptoms of COVID-19
- broad community awareness of non-pharmaceutical measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19

The KPBSD will continue to:

- Maintain best practices for installation and maintenance of high-quality air filtration systems in all sites
- Maintain best practices for sanitization and disinfection in all KPBSD buildings
- Encourage and support handwashing and proper hygiene utilizing current public health guidance
- Highly recommend wearing a face mask
- Utilize current public health guidance
- Provide testing, testing resources, and testing referrals for COVID-19 to all KPBSD staff and students
- Follow Village or Tribal COVID-19 mandates for school facility operations

Face coverings

School provided transportation: Per the US DOT mandate for public transportation, **face masks are required** for all bus passengers travelling to and from school and for all co-curricular activities and field trips

In all risk level scenarios, face coverings are highly recommended, but not required for students and staff while indoors. An exception is for people who recently test positive for COVID-19. Read [COVID-19 Positive Monitor, Mask, and Return Protocol*](#)

Visitors and volunteers have a choice to mask or not mask

Guidelines and Reminders

KPBSD [Symptom Free Schools](#)

- Students and staff who are sick or not feeling well, stay home
- Isolate if you have any symptoms that are not known allergies or pre-existing conditions
- Call the school to excuse your student absence
- Take a COVID-19 test. KPBSD continues to offer molecular and antigen testing for staff and students
- KPBSD continues to offer Over-The-Counter (OTC) home antigen tests to staff and students as supplies are available

***Positive COVID-19 Test**

Follow KPBSD [COVID-19 Positive Monitor, Mask, and Return Protocol](#)

- Notify the school or workplace if you test positive for COVID-19 to determine your return to school or work date
- Isolate at home from the start of symptoms or when a positive test is received (Day 0) for a minimum of 5 days
- You may return to school or work on Day 6*. Wearing a mask at school or work is **required** through Day 10
- ***Do not** return to school or work if you are currently experiencing symptoms, or have experienced symptoms during the past 24 hours

Close Contacts

Schools will no longer do in-school contact tracing.

In addition to school based testing, [Glacier Family Medicine Clinic](#) in Seward and [Soldotna Professional Pharmacy](#) continue to provide free COVID-19 testing for KPBSD staff and students.

If you participate in Extra Curricular Activities and Field Trips

- Contact your coach or teacher and school if you have tested positive to determine your return to activity date or field trip participation
- The KPBSD will follow all ASAA guidelines for state and regional competitions
- Masks are required on all KPBSD buses per the US DOT mandate for public transportation

KPBSD COVID-19 Hub: covid19.kpbsd.org