

Kosciusko School District

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As the Kosciusko School District prepares for the 2021-2022 school year and a return to our classrooms, stages, playing fields, and courts in August, we encourage all eligible staff, parents, and students to get vaccinated, as this is our best defense against the spread of COVID-19.

Individuals who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine if exposed to a positive COVID-19 unless they become symptomatic. Proof of vaccination may be required.

The District is using the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Mississippi State Department of Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Mississippi Department of Education, and local health officials. Based on the latest guidance from these sources the District will implement the following.

Fully Vaccinated Students, Staff and Teachers:

- Do not have to wear a mask when indoors
- Do not have to quarantine or be excluded from the school setting, which includes athletic or extracurricular activities, if they have COVID-19 exposure unless they become symptomatic.
- Do not have to be tested unless they become symptomatic

Unvaccinated Teachers and Staff:

- Will be **highly encouraged** to wear a mask during the school day and at all times when working with students
 - **Employees who wear masks are not required to quarantine when exposed to COVID-19 unless they become symptomatic**

Unvaccinated Students:

- All students are highly encouraged to wear a mask
 - Students who wear masks are not required to quarantine when exposed to COVID-19 unless they become symptomatic

Visitors to Campus:

- All visitors to campus during normal school hours are **highly encouraged** to wear a mask

- Visitors to athletics and other events are highly encouraged to wear masks

Positive COVID-19 cases:

- No changes from 2020-2021 school year, all individuals who test positive may not return to school or extracurricular activities for a minimum of 10 days and 72 hours symptom free

Quarantines:

- Vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine when exposed to COVID-19 unless they become symptomatic
- All individuals who wear a mask do not need to quarantine when exposed to COVID-19 unless they become symptomatic
- All other exposed individuals who are not vaccinated must follow the same quarantine rules of 2020-2021 and quarantine for 10 days from the date of testing and be symptom free before returning to school or extracurricular activities

Preventive Measures/Cleaning:

- Temperature scanners will be set up at each school to screen for elevated temperature when individuals enter the building.
- Daily cleaning and disinfection methods will be followed and enforced
- Touchless water fountains will be available for all students and staff
- Masks will be available for students and visitors at each school
- Students will be taught proper hand washing techniques
- Social distancing will be enforced at all times possible, including a minimum of three feet distance between individuals in the classroom
- COVID-19 positive cases will be made available weekly on our website at kosciuskoschools.com and in our weekly newsletter