

Kosciusko School District

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As the Kosciusko School District prepares for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year and a return to our classrooms, stages, playing fields, and courts in January, 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:

- **Must** 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 **required** to wear a mask during the school day inside buildings 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 **required** to wear a mask
 - Students who wear masks in the school setting 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 **required** to wear a mask
- Visitors to athletics and other events are highly encouraged to wear masks

Positive COVID-19 cases:

- **Individuals who test positive must isolate themselves for 5 days, be symptom free, and wear a mask at all times for the following 5 days upon returning to school or extracurricular activities.**

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 quarantine for 5 days and wear a mask upon returning to school or extracurricular activities**

Preventive Measures/Cleaning:

- 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

Classroom and School Closures

- **Schools will move to virtual learning when 10% or more of all individuals at that school test positive.**
- **If a school moves to virtual learning it will be for a period of 5 school days.**
- **Parents will be notified if 3 or more students test positive in a single classroom**