



Kingfisher Public Schools

Making a Difference

While this framework serves as a guideline for starting school, any section of this may be amended at a moment's notice based on local, state or federal conditions.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has created a constantly changing landscape to prepare for next school year, our greatest desire at Kingfisher Public Schools is to create a safe environment for students & staff to return on August 12th. While we have made every effort to provide a decisive plan, we do realize that changes may be required in the future, and we will update our community as changes occur. All areas of this plan are subject to individual student's needs. In addition, any area not specifically addressed in this plan will be left to the building administrators discretion.

All communication with parents and the community will be delivered through Remind101, Schoolreach, and building site Facebook pages. Direct communication with site principals and teachers through text and email will be used on a regular basis. Kingfisher Public Schools is committed to strong communication and responsive action.

START OF SCHOOL

- Kingfisher Public Schools will adhere to the regularly adopted school calendar with students reporting on Aug. 12. If there is a substantial increase of cases locally, school start may be delayed for students.

FACE COVERINGS (Masks, Gaiters, Bandanas):

- Face coverings are required in the school buildings when social distancing of 6 feet or more is not possible. There will be flexibility and reasonable accommodations available for younger students, certain job descriptions, or classes and conditions that may allow for periods with no face-coverings. Some examples of daily exceptions may include but not limited to eating meals, naptime, recess, lessons that require lip reading, PE, athletics, band, vocal and planning periods.

If there is a situation that face coverings are not in use, every effort should be made to have students social distanced as far as possible from each other and other preventive safety measures in place that would help prevent the spread of COVID.

- Face coverings must not include messages or images that distract from the learning environment as outlined for other articles of clothing in school dress code policies
- Shirts or jackets pulled up over the nose & mouth are not acceptable face coverings.
- The face covering requirements are designed for the start of school and may be adjusted at any time based on the rise or decline of COVID cases in the school and/or community.

Other exemptions:

- Persons who work or directly interact with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, and who rely on lip-reading to communicate, may remove a face covering for the duration of time as is necessary to communicate or interact directly with the individual(s). In this situation, consideration should be given to using a clear face shield.
- Persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- Persons who have difficulty breathing or a condition making them unable to wear a face covering must have a doctor's release acknowledging a pre-existing condition did exist that exempts them from wearing a face-covering. If a student cannot wear a face covering due to a documented medical exemption, we will work with them and their family to find a reasonable accommodation.

DAILY SCREENING

- The best option for monitoring of symptoms begins in the home. Parents will find the self-assessment checklist on the district website and Facebook pages. Symptoms may include chills, fever, joint pain, muscle pain, rash, sore throat, cough, loss of smell, red eye, vomiting, abdomen pain, diarrhea, loss of taste, severe headache, weakness, bruising, and shortness of breath.
- For the beginning of school and until deemed no longer necessary, students will be screened for temperature checks upon entering their building or buses.
- The school may do random temperature checks throughout the day on an as needed basis.
- Employees of KPS will be required to perform a self-screening each day prior to coming to school answering a set of questions related to COVID-19.

At-School Procedures for those with 100.4 degree or higher temperature

Any student or staff member who exhibits a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher will be instantly isolated in an isolation room and immediately sent home. After being sent home, the student or staff member cannot return to school until one of the following criteria is met:

- **WITHOUT COVID TESTING** – the student or staff member must not be present at school for 10 days and have been symptom free for 3 days or provides the school with a doctor's note releasing them to come back to school.

- AFTER TESTING NEGATIVE – with no previous testing of positive, students or staff members can return to school after 3 days after the test of being symptom free, including fever free with no fever reducing medication.
 - AFTER TESTING POSITIVE – the student or staff member may return once they have been out of school for 10 days and symptom free for 3 days or a doctor releases them to return to school.
1. Students/Staff in protocol and absent from school are not allowed to participate in or attend school activities.
 2. The student will become a distance learner at home until he/she can return to school and will be counted as present during this time of quarantine.

If an employee or student has known close contact (Closer than 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes) with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, that person may return to school 14 days after the initial contact or a doctor’s note releasing them.

A positive diagnosis does not necessarily mean shutting down a school site or the entire district. Working with health officials will mean completing contact tracing and possibly suggesting students be tested for the virus. Because of changing and uncertain conditions, students, parents, and staff should be prepared for transition to virtual learning at any time.

***The school will not perform or require COVID testing on any individual.

SAFETY PRACTICES

1. Visitors will be allowed in a building on a very limited basis as approved by the building principal. Visitors will be required to wear facemask in school buildings during the normal hours. Building traffic will be reduced to help minimize outside exposure such as, but not limited to, school assemblies, Jacket Round-up, parents eating lunch with children at school, birthday events, and guest speakers. Depending upon the level of community spread within the school district, buildings and facilities may be closed to outside groups and activities to reduce potential spread.
2. Bathrooms will be limited to three (3) students at a time.
3. Extra hand-sanitizer, Clorox wipes and other sanitizing materials will be readily available. Frequent hand washing is requested of all school personnel and students.
4. Water fountains will be available as refill stations only to be operated by school personnel, so students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles/thermos labeled with their name. Water vending machines or water fill stations will be made available where and if possible.
5. Hygiene lessons will be added to curriculum lessons (in the classroom, in building announcements, etc.)
6. Custodial staff will receive extra training in daily sanitizing.

LEARNING PLATFORMS

While most students would prefer to be on campus for face-to-face instruction, some may prefer or be required to not attend school for a variety of reasons. To help accommodate all students, KPS will offer different learning options for secondary age students.

1. Traditional Classroom Instruction (PK-12th)
2. Blended Learning (9th – 12th) – This is a combination of traditional classroom instruction and virtual classes for those students who are taking classes for credit recovery or courses that are not offered by KHS. These virtual classes will be taken on campus.
3. Full-time Virtual Learning from home (6th – 12th).
 - Students will be placed in the Edgenuity program
 - Virtual students must have reliable home internet access.
 - Students choosing to enroll through the virtual program must remain enrolled virtually for a semester at a time.
 - Only students in the traditional school option will be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities.
 - Parents & students must contact the building principal to apply.

VIRTUAL OR DISTANCE LEARNING DAYS

- Kingfisher Public Schools will monitor absence rates on a daily basis beginning on Aug. 12th. School may be moved to a Distance Learning Day if there is a significant amount or increase of absences.
- Building on the experiences of distance learning during the school closure last spring, Kingfisher Public Schools is ready to deliver instructions to students virtually or face to face. We know disruption during a public health crisis like COVID-19 is very likely. Although we can expect disruption during the school year, consistent lesson delivery from teacher to student will remain strong either through a more traditional face to face method or through virtual learning at home.
- To receive credit and attendance for the courses for this school year, students are expected to participate in class activities and complete the assignments.
- If schools have to be closed due to an outbreak of sickness and declared a Distance Learning Day, students will be given assignments through distance learning packets or web-based education platforms such as Google Classroom or Canvas.
- Packet distribution will be based on the number of days that school may be declared as Distance Learning Days. Teachers will contact parents accordingly.
- Buildings will be open and school personnel will be present during normal business hours. Students may set up appointments for required services or additional help on a limited basis.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- To prevent sharing of electronic devices, students will be checked out a Chromebook (grades 3-12) or lap-top (HS only).

- No deposit is required; however, as with any school property, the student is financially responsible for any damage or lost equipment.
- Devices will be checked out at the beginning of school. Students will need to take these home daily in the event that a virtual learning day is declared on short notice.
- On virtual learning days, those students who do not have access to internet connectivity may contact their principal to make arrangements to use equipment in a designated safe space.

ATTENDANCE

- No Test Exemptions for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Attendance policies will be relaxed for cases involving COVID-19 to provide for additional absences and to encourage sick staff and students to remain at home.
- Site committees will be in place to consider exceptions for medical absences related to covid-19.

SCHOOL MEALS

- Students will have meals prepared daily.
 - Grab-n-Go when possible
 - Scheduling and seating will be adjusted based on the building.
- Cafeteria staff will serve everyone from the serving line
- In the event a virtual day is declared, Meals will be served as a Grab-n-Go at 2 locations between 10 am – 12 pm.

TRANSPORTATION

1. Parents are encouraged to bring their child(ren) to school.
2. Parents are asked to make their students wash their hands before getting on the bus.
3. Masks are required for bus riders and temperatures will be taken before getting on the bus.
4. Windows down if weather permits.
5. Social Distancing and possible seat assignments will be practiced if applicable.
6. Buses will be sanitized daily.
7. If there is a shortage of bus drivers due to COVID, the district may need to reduce the number of bus routes.

Extra-Curricular Activities / Gatherings / Field Trips

1. Extra sanitizing of facilities and equipment will occur daily.
2. Guidelines for practice and games will be done on a daily basis.
3. Concession stands will offer pre-packaged food only.
4. Social distancing and masks are recommended for all spectators.
5. Field trips will be limited, but still considered on a case-by-case basis in smaller groups.

6. Please understand cancellations and rescheduling of events are highly probable.

Kingfisher Public Schools is committed to providing a traditional educational experience while maintaining the security and safety of your child(ren). This plan will continue to change throughout the year based on local, state and federal conditions with the advice from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the CDC, and the County Health Department taken into consideration.

Due to the nature of this situation and its constantly changing landscape, KPS welcomes any suggestions or comments you may have that will ensure the best possible education for your child(ren). Please contact the superintendent or any of the principals at your convenience:

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