



March 1, 2022

Dear KCPS School Community,

Effective Monday, February 28, 2022, masks/face coverings are optional for students and staff in Kent County Public Schools. KCPS will continue to follow the latest [CDC and MDH guidelines](#) for isolation and quarantine. Keeping schools open safely remains a priority, and everyone must do their part to keep our students and staff healthy.

**Please read the following items prior to the return to school.**

#### If You Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

All persons who test positive for COVID-19 or have suspected COVID-19, **regardless of vaccination** status, should complete isolation as follows:

- Stay home for at least 5 full days from the date of symptom onset if symptomatic or the date of the positive test if no symptoms. Day 1 is considered the first full day after symptoms started in symptomatic persons or the first full day after the person tested positive if asymptomatic.
- After Day 5, if the person has no symptoms or if symptoms are improved, and they have had no fever for at least 24 hours without medication, they may return to school or childcare **IF** they wear a well-fitting mask when around others\* for an additional 5 days.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. **If a mask is not worn for the additional 5 days, then he/she must isolate for 10 days.**
- If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.

#### If You Were **Exposed** to Someone with COVID-19

If you:

**Have been boosted**

OR

Completed the primary series of **Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 5 months**

OR

Completed the primary series of **J&J vaccine within the last 2 months**

OR/

Have been confirmed of COVID-19 within the **last 90 days** (i.e. tested positive using a viral test).

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.

- If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.

If you:

Completed the primary series of **Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 5 months ago and are not boosted**

OR

Completed the primary series of **J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted**

OR

Are **unvaccinated**

- Stay home for 5 days after the last close contact with the person with COVID-19 (Day 1 is considered the first full day after the date of last close contact).
- After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- Test on day 5 if possible.
- If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.
- If a person lives in a household with a positive family member and cannot separate/isolate, the 5-day quarantine begins after the positive person's last day of their isolation period. This would be a total of 10 days with a return to school/work on day 11.

#### **Health Checks:**

Health Checks remain critical. Parents/guardians should perform a [health check](#) with their children every day and refrain from sending them to school if they show any symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease. Additionally, parents/guardians should continue to communicate with their child's school notifying them of a positive test.

As always, we thank our KCPS staff, parents, and students for the continued cooperation and efforts to keep our schools focused on learning in a healthy environment.

#### **Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests:**

The Federal Government is offering 4 free COVID tests to every household in the United States. To obtain these tests please visit: <https://www.covidtests.gov> or Call 1-800-232-0233.