



Knob Noster Public Schools

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Date: 1-10-2022
To: All KNPS Parents/Guardians and Staff
From: Jerrod Wheeler
RE: COVID Update

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

With second semester underway, I am writing to provide a brief update related to Covid. As always, I want to thank you for your ongoing partnership, respectful engagement, and cooperation as we make every attempt to move forward through the COVID situation.

Update to COVID Protocols

With recent updated guidance from the CDC and an increase in COVID cases and other illnesses since our return to school on January 4, I am sharing the following two updates to our district protocols:

1. Following new CDC guidance, students and staff who test positive will now be under a 5 day quarantine after their positive test date. Test date is **day 0** and return date is **day 6** as long as symptoms are resolving and the individual is still **48 hours** fever free. It will be **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to wear a mask for 5 days after returning, per CDC guidelines. Face masks are required for all individuals at all times at Whiteman Elementary in accordance with the DoD mandate.
2. KNPS is implementing a household quarantine until further notice. We have seen the transmission rate is much faster with the latest COVID variant than it has been previously. Typically, people are getting sick around day 2 after exposure. If a student or parent/guardian tests positive, KNPS students and staff in the household will quarantine from the last test date. Test date being **day 0** and student or staff member coming back on **day 6**. Prior to returning, if a positive individual was symptomatic, they would need to be 48 hour symptom free or resolving and fever free without any medications.

Masking On Buses

As a reminder, face coverings while on school buses is a mandate from the CDC.

Best Safeguard for Covid Spread

Like all other illnesses, the best safeguard against the spread of Covid is to stay home and stay away from others when you are sick. We ask that parents please do not send their children to school if they have any symptoms or if they are not feeling well. To take this one step further, we also ask that parents be forthright in all reporting. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

Return to In-Person Learning and Continuity of Services Plan

As a follow up to previous emails, the KNPS Covid Plan is available on our website for your information, review, and feedback. In addition, we update our Covid data dashboard on our website each Friday afternoon in an effort to promote transparency.

With these updates, our team remains committed to continuing to operate the school year in the safest manner practical and with the least disruption to our learning environment. Please continue to make wise personal decisions to protect the health of your family. As always, thank you for your ongoing partnership and communication. Please continue to reach out to our team with any needs.

V/R,

Jerrod Wheeler, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools