

KEYSTONE RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR FAMILIES

Protecting our School Community

The following guidelines are shared with our school community, including students, families, and staff, in an effort to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Over the past several weeks there has been constantly evolving literature from the education, medical, and public health sectors. The goal has been to create carefully layered, flexible, and developmentally appropriate practices that will ensure the safest school environment possible.

The information presented in this document is shared so that we can begin school with a shared understanding of our responsibility in keeping our students and staff safe from COVID-19. We know we cannot eliminate the virus; but with wise choices, we can mitigate it. Reaching this goal will require all of us working together.

Layered Mitigation Practices

Daily Temperature Checks – Each morning, families are asked to take their children’s temperatures, as a fever of 100 or greater may be an indication of an active case of COVID-19. If this is the case, please keep your child home to monitor for additional symptoms. (Daily COVID-19 School Attendance Questionnaire attached)

Response to additional symptoms – While many children will present with fever initially, many will not. Other symptoms that may develop initially include the following: chills, cough, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Any of these are cause for keeping a child home from school. (Daily COVID-19 School Attendance Questionnaire attached)

Hygiene – Handwashing is one of the best means of protection against infection. Students will be reminded to wash their hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating. They will also have access to an alcohol-based hand sanitizer throughout the school building when hand-washing opportunities are not readily available.

Universal & Correct Wearing of Masks

Masks are **optional** for all students.

CDC guidance and recommendations involving the universal & correct wearing of masks will be considered and encouraged at all times. Oklahoma law currently prohibits mandating the wearing of masks in school buildings unless the governor has issued a state of emergency.

Masks and/or face shields are optional for all faculty/staff members. Keystone School will provide cloth masks and face shields for all faculty/staff members who want them.

Modifying Facilities to Allow for Physical Distancing

Breakfast/Lunch

- Distance markers on the cafeteria floor for line.
- Students must return to their seats after dumping trays until dismissed
- Assigned seats by class for all students
- Staggered dismissal times for quick and efficient food distribution

Recess

Spacing required

Bathroom Breaks

- Markers placed for lines
- Handwashing required

Classrooms/Activities

Teachers will do their best to set up their classrooms to meet required, current CDC protocol concerning social distancing.

Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette

Hand washing procedures posted in all student bathrooms, PK, gym, fieldhouse bathrooms.

All students should wash their hands/use hand sanitizer a minimum of 4 times daily. Teachers are responsible for providing time within their schedules.

- Before breakfast (entering school)
- Before lunch
- After P.E.
- After recess

Respiratory etiquette will be taught & discussed frequently with all students. All students will be expected to cover their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.

Cleaning & Maintaining Healthy Facilities

All high traffic areas will be sanitized often. This includes doorknobs, light switches, water fountains, and bottle filling stations.

All bathrooms will be cleaned no less than 2x per day.

Classrooms will be sanitized daily with a focus on tables, desks, & chairs.

We have purchased hydrogen peroxide based cleaner that will allow us to sanitize our building, classrooms, and cafeteria efficiently and effectively. Tables in the cafeteria will be sanitized after each meal and classrooms will be sanitized daily.

Contract Tracing in Combination with Isolation & Quarantine

Upon receiving confirmation of a positive Covid case, contact tracing will be conducted immediately by an administrator utilizing interviews and our school camera system when possible.

Updated state guidelines for Isolation & Quarantine will be followed by the investigating administrator.

Parents will be contacted immediately for students who have to isolate or quarantine as a result of contact tracing. Furthermore, parents will be provided updated information available from the Health Department related to isolation/quarantine protocol & options.

The results of contact tracing efforts will be reported to the Creek County Health Department via the reporting application on the Oklahoma Single Sign On Program.

Diagnostic & Screening Testing

Students

- Temperature will be screened if observed “not feeling well”.
- Sent to office if persistent cough or any additional symptoms are observed

Faculty/Staff

- If any symptoms are present, please notify admin as soon as possible to insure that class is covered.

Parents/Visitors

Access granted only if you are showing no signs or symptoms of illness.

Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to School Communities

In conjunction with local health officials, all employees will have the opportunity to receive the vaccination and any subsequent booster shots on site.

As a PK-8 district, the majority of our student population is not currently eligible to receive the vaccination. For those that are eligible, the district will provide information to parents to inform them of their options for the vaccination.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

All children with disabilities attending Keystone Public Schools, regardless of which learning option they choose, will receive appropriate accommodations in accordance with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) established by their IEP team while considering all Federal, state, local, & district health and safety policies.

Coordination with State & Local Health Officials

In the case of any suspected or confirmed positive case, we will seek expertise from the Tulsa County Health Department and adhere to their recommendations for the district.

Resources distributed by State & Local Health Officials will be utilized as guidelines for how we prevent, prepare, and respond to Covid.

Supplies

Sharing of supplies such as crayons, markers, scissors, and pencils will not be allowed. Students will keep their individual supplies separated from those of others in individually labeled containers or cubbies. Any manipulatives needed for instructional purposes will be sanitized prior to use by another student.