



KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan 2021-2022

IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

***This Plan is subject to change at any time.**



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INTRODUCTION

Precautions are still in place to reduce the impact of COVID-19 and to help employees and our students and their families feel safe upon returning to campus at the Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD). KSD has always practiced universal precautions for the safety and well-being of all but we recognize the need to increase our diligence at this time.

The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE). Regular updates will be made to this plan based on information provided by the CDC, KDHE, KSDE, JCDHE, and applicable federal, state and local agencies.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In order to ensure the continued well-being of our community, the following guiding principles have been established:

1. Employee and Student Safety Measures
2. Health Guidelines
3. Support for Families

SECTION 1: SAFETY OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND VISITORS

RETURN TO CLASSROOMS/DORMS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

KSD reopens in the fall and all of the instructions occur on campus and follows all CDC guidelines concerning the COVID virus and the highly contagious Delta variant. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) just announced the guidance for K-12 schools on July 9, 2021. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html. The CDC recommends that masks should be worn indoors by all individuals, aged 2 and older who are not fully vaccinated and those who received vaccinations are not required to wear masks. Whether individuals are vaccinated or not, everyone will continue to wear masks and maintain physical distance. These precautions along with hand washing and vaccination will make in person learning safe and possible for everyone. A vaccinated individual can transmit the virus without feeling any symptoms to those who are not vaccinated. With the substantial number of students who are not vaccinated, we want to go the extra step to make sure everyone is safe.

Note: This is not a mandate to wear clear masks, but it is highly recommended. We also recognize the impact of face masks on deaf children as they create more barriers to the learning process – block visibility of face or mouth, prevent lipreading/mouthing and reduce clarity of speech and sound. ASL is highly dependent on the use of facial movements, and wearing masks can reduce learning greatly. Clear masks have clear panels over the mouth that can help restore these important visual cues and help individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing communicate more clearly. These masks will help our students and staff communicate more effectively. Clear masks will be provided to staff and students or you may purchase your

own clear masks.

FACILITIES CLEANING & DISINFECTING PROTOCOL

KSD will continue with the COVID-19 mitigation measures put into place last year. The safety of our students and employees is our first priority. Upon reopening our campus, our buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. We will continue to adhere to all necessary safety precautions. The cleaning steps outlined below are to be taken to disinfect workplace surfaces, chairs, tables, etc. to protect employees and reduce the risk of spread of infection. We will require employees to maintain this safety standard by continuously cleaning and disinfecting based on the frequency stated below. The goal is to establish a sanitary baseline before the campus opens.

General Disinfecting Measures

Category	Area	Frequency
Workspaces & Appliances	Classrooms, Dorm Rooms, Offices, Refrigerators, Kitchenettes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After each use • At the end of the day
Electronic Equipment	Copiers, Monitors, TVs, Phones, Keyboards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before each use • After each use • At the end of the day
Frequently Used Objects	Door Handles, Light Switches, Sinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 4 times per day
Vehicles	Seats, Handles/Railings, Seat Belts, Window Controls, Steering Wheel, Gear Shift	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver cleans before each use and after each use
Common Areas	Cafeteria, Library, Conference Rooms, Gyms, Common Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After each use • Between groups • At the end of the day
Restrooms	Student and Staff Restrooms, Locker Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 4 times per day • Supplies will be provided for staff to clean after each use • At the end of the day [staff] • Locker rooms closed until further notice

Personal Workspace/Classroom/Dorm Room

Employees are encouraged to disinfect their own personal workspace multiple times throughout the day giving special attention to commonly touched surfaces (desks, phone, keyboard, etc.).

Proper equipment such as acceptable disinfectant and PPE should be used when cleaning individual workspaces. KSD will provide hand sanitizers throughout the workplace and in common areas, and cleaning sprays and wipes will be provided to assist in cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces. The KSD custodial team will clean all workspaces at the designated cleaning time.

Shared Spaces

To reduce exposure risks and ensure student and employee safety, there will be limited access to certain workspaces. Workspace usage recommendations are:

- Capacity
 - KSD will monitor the number of employees in the offices and other rooms
- Conference Rooms
 - Signage indicating capacity limits/closure will be placed on conference room doors
 - Large group meetings will be held via distance technology even for employees on campus

Deep Cleaning

Deep cleaning is triggered when an active employee and/or student is identified as positive for COVID-19 based on medical testing.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

The Big 3: Hand Washing, Social Distancing and Masks

Handwashing has proven to be one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs, including COVID-19. Students and staff will be required to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer at least once per hour, as they enter the building, before and after eating, after using the restroom and other times deemed appropriate by staff.

One should wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) should be used. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.

Social distancing is an effective way to prevent potential infection. KSD employees, students, parents, and visitors should practice staying approximately 3 feet away from others and eliminating physical and/or close contact with others. Unnecessary gatherings should be avoided.

Students will be required to bring masks to school and wear them throughout the instructional day. Please use this time to find a mask that your child is comfortable wearing.

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

KSD has always practiced universal precautions for the safety and well-being of all but we recognize the need to increase our diligence at this time. In order to minimize exposure to COVID-19, additional PPE may be needed to limit and/or prevent certain exposures. PPE may include:

- **Masks** – face masks are an important part of protection, as well as personal hygiene, social distancing, and frequent cleaning efforts. Masks will be provided (e.g., clear, surgical). You may also bring your own work appropriate mask or shield. If staff or students are medically unable to wear masks or must have a certain type of masks, a note from your Health Care provider is needed.

Employee Screening

Since fever has been removed as a primary symptom of COVID-19 from the CDC flowsheet. Temperature screenings are no longer necessary. ***Subject to change with updated guidance from the Johnson County Health Department and the CDC.

Note: The KSD Health Center will be available to students only. COVID-19 test kits will be available for student use only. Staff and visitors will need to seek medical support from their own doctor and/or local health center.

Guidance If Exposed to COVID-19

While we all hope to avoid exposure to illness from COVID-19, we need to be prepared for that possibility. If you or someone you've been in contact with has been exposed to the virus, our first concern is for your health and safety as well as those around you. In this rapidly changing situation, Healthcare Providers should have the most up-to-date information from the CDC. Please do the following:

- Quarantine yourself in a specific room away from others in your home. Do not come to the Workplace without further instructions from a Healthcare provider. A Doctor note and all COVID-19 tests results will be required from Human Resources to return to work.
- Contact the following (in order of priority), let them know you have been exposed to COVID-19 or symptomatic and follow their instructions:
 - o Your healthcare provider
 - o KSD Human Resources Department
 - o Your Supervisor
- Your supervisor will work with HR to determine the appropriate next steps related to leave requests and eligibility for paid leave. Any additional questions or concerns, please contact Human Resources.
- In case of an emergency, call 911 and let them know you have been exposed to COVID-19 then follow their instructions

- Confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school building
 - When there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was in a school building, the school will contact the local health department immediately. As one option, the school will close the school building for a minimum of two to five days and work with the local health department to assess factors, such as the likelihood of exposure to employees and students in the building, the number of cases in the community and other factors that will determine when the building should reopen. While the school building is closed, all school activities will be cancelled or rescheduled, regardless of whether the activity was to take place in the building or another location, including extracurricular activities, before and after-school programs and field trips. Parents/students and employees will be encouraged to stay at home until more information is provided by the school or the health department.
 - As another option, the school may remain open but block off areas where the person infected with COVID-19 was in the school building until the area has been cleaned thoroughly. The school should work with the local health department to assess for close contacts within students and staff and inform those who are exposed that they must start a mandatory 14-day quarantine period. The school will contact parents/students and employees and notify them that a person who tested positive for COVID-19 was in the building and encourage cooperation with the school and the local health department to trace contacts with the individual. The individual who tested positive will not be identified in communications to the school community at large.

Visitor Protocol

Having visitors on campus is limited to potential students and their parents, student teachers/interns, visiting teams (athletics), approved vendors, and approved volunteers. This is subject to change pending guidance from the agencies listed above.

Travel Restrictions

For staff, KSD will discontinue staff travel to out of state conferences and workshops until further notice. In-state staff travel will be approved on a case-by-case basis. At this time, all off-site student activities have been postponed.

For students, coaches and/or sponsors: Per Commissioner, our students and coaches/sponsors are permitted to travel out of state for athletics and/or extracurricular activities. We have a testing protocol as outlined on page 14.

Social-Emotional Well-Being of Students and Staff

The protocol and mandates that our staff and students have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic have caused some to experience increased stress. School counselors will collaborate with staff to address needs of students, families, and KSD staff who might benefit from additional support and/or resources. This could vary from collaboratively taught lessons,

one-on-one sessions and/or reference to a local mental health facility to receive more intensive support. If you, or someone you know, is in need of support you are encouraged to contact a member of the Counseling Department.

SECTION 2: ON-SITE LEARNING

All students are expected to attend classes on campus. There are no remote learning opportunities, except for those who have to be quarantined.

COMMUNICATION METHODS

To stay updated on the most current information, KSD encourages the following:

- Staff, students, and parents need to check their email often
- Visit the district website often (www.ksdeaf.org)
- Follow our social media platforms

ATTENDANCE & GRADING POLICIES

To receive credit and attendance for the courses for this school year, students are expected to attend class and complete the assignments. The attendance and grading policies will follow the *KSD Parent-Student Handbook*. Students not making progress and not completing assignments/packets, may not receive credit for attendance and/or grades. For promotion to the next grade level, students will need to have completed the requirements of their courses.

PROGRAM SUPPORTS

Student Transportation

Local districts (LEAs) will continue to be responsible for transporting students to/from KSD. KSD and LEAs are working together to ensure students and staff are kept as safe as possible. Additionally, all bus riders, van drivers and students on the district-provided transportation at all levels will be required to wear a mask while riding on the bus or van, per federal mandate.

KSD Health Center

For the protection of staff and students, the protocol remains the same when a student becomes ill while on campus. This is subject to change pending guidance from agencies listed above and what KSD deems most appropriate to keep staff and students safe. All communication regarding student health will be shared with parents by KSD Health Center staff only.

If a student becomes ill, staff will either bring them directly to the Health Center or call/text the Health Center and the nurse will determine if it is safe for the student to be brought to the Health Center or if the nurse will go to the student's location (e.g., there is a student suspected of COVID-19 in the Health Center and we need to limit exposure to other students).

An isolation room will be established in the Health Center for students who are suspected of being exposed to, displaying symptoms of, and/or have been positively identified as having

COVID-19. Staff will follow universal precautions as well as use all appropriate PPE and cleaning/disinfection.

Parents will be contacted to pick up the student and take them to their doctor/local healthcare center for follow up. Parents will be expected to pick up their child within 45 minutes of receiving a call from the Health Center. For parents that live further, appropriate travel expectations will be clarified at the time of the call. An example might be a parent that lives three hours from KSD. This parent would be given a four-hour window of time to arrive (30 minutes to prepare for departure, 3 hours travel time, 30 minutes of unforeseen obstacles such as construction, etc.). If the parent cannot arrive in the designated time frame, nursing staff will contact the next person listed on the *Emergency Contacts and/or Authorized to Pick Up* lists on the enrollment forms.

The nurse will work with administration to identify persons who may have been in contact with the suspected infected person. Employees and families will be notified by a school nurse that they/their child may have been in contact with a person suspected of having COVID-19. They will be encouraged to conduct a self-screening each day and follow up with medical care, as needed. The isolation area and work area/classroom/dorm areas should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected as well as all other common surfaces recently touched by the person. Nursing staff will be the lead contact to the local health authority/authorities as needed.

STUDENT LIFE ARRANGEMENTS

Safety for all students and staff is the number one priority in the dormitories. Students who live more than 50 miles from KSD will be able to stay in the dorm. Local students (residing less than 50 miles from KSD) will go home after school. This will help us be able to maintain a three feet distance between students in the bedrooms.

Students who will stay in the dorm are to bring only one week's worth of clothes and take everything home on Fridays. They can leave their bedding in the dorm unless instructed by the parents to bring it home. Both students and staff will be required to wear face masks while in the dorm. We will emphasize the importance of social distancing and frequent handwashing.

Transporting Students on Sundays

- If your child experienced any COVID-19 related symptoms or was exposed to COVID-19 over the weekend, please keep the student home and contact the KSD Health Center.

Monday to Friday

- Dorm students will wash hands every hour, when returning to the dorm from school, after going to the restroom, before/after each snack and meal. They will also wipe down tables and chairs after themselves. The student life staff will also wipe down every contact place during the overnight hours.

- We will make sure students maintain their daily hygiene standards. Please be sure to send soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, tissues, laundry soap, and any other needed supplies to the dorm with your child.
- If a student is not feeling well, the KSD Health Center protocol listed above will be followed.

SECTION 3: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

MASKING EXPECTATIONS

This chart identifies the expectations for masking as it pertains to our athletics, activities, field trips, physical education classes, and after school performances and rehearsals.

Athletics	Indoor Expectations	Outdoor Expectations	School Transportation
Volleyball	Masking is not required while engaged in physical activity. Masks required when on the bench or other times not engaged in physical activity	No masking required	All students and staff masked when on a bus or school vehicle
Football	All students and staff masked when indoors (ie: locker room, weight room, training room)	No masking required	All students and staff masked when on a bus or school vehicle
Cheer	Masking is not required while engaged in physical activity or performances. Masks required when on the side or other times not engaged in physical activity	No masking required	All students and staff masked when on a bus or school vehicle
Physical Education Classes	All students and staff will wear masks while engaged in indoor activities.	No masking required	N/A
Weight Training Classes	All students and staff are fully masked at all times in the weight and fitness rooms.	No masking required	N/A
Activities	Indoor Expectations	Outdoor Expectations	School Transportation
ASL Bowl & Oratorical Competition	All students and staff are fully masked at all times. Only participants within a reasonable distance can remove the mask during the competition only.	No masking required	All students and staff masked when on a bus or school vehicle
Robotics	All students and staff fully masked at all times	No masking required	All students and staff masked when on a bus or school vehicle
Academic Bowl	All students and staff fully masked at all times	No masking required	All students and staff masked when on a bus or school vehicle

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Clubs	All students and staff fully masked at all times	No masking required	All students and staff masked when on a bus or school vehicle
Field Trips	All students and staff fully masked at all times	No masking required	All students and staff masked when on a bus or school vehicle

VACCINATION STATUS

Below is suggested communication that is acceptable to use at parent meetings as sports and activities begin the school year. No adult should ever directly ask a student to provide information regarding their vaccination status. That will come from the contact tracing team and will be a conversation between them and the parent/guardian. However, we are allowing parents, if they so choose, to share their child's vaccination status at the start of the season in order to help with the contact tracing process should an exposure occur.

As we begin this season we know there is a possibility that someone in our program could test positive for Covid-19. At the time of an exposure and the start of our contact tracing the school will be asking for the vaccination status of all athletes who were potentially exposed. Proof of vaccination will be required. Unvaccinated athletes who were exposed will enter into the isolation/exclusion process. If you would like to share the current vaccination status of your child with us at the start of this season it will provide us the ability to move efficiently through the contact tracing process should an exposure occur. You do not have to share your child's vaccination status at this time, we just wanted to give you the option. Vaccinated athletes who are not experiencing any symptoms will not need to be isolated/excluded.

CONTACT TRACING PROTOCOL

When it is discovered that an individual in the school has tested positive for Covid-19 an initiation of the contact tracing protocol will begin.

- **School personnel from KSD Health Center in collaboration with Johnson County Health Department will begin contact tracing**
- Effort will be made to identify students and staff exposed to this individual
 - This can be done by interviewing the individual, any other adults, supervisors, coaches, sponsors, etc
 - If necessary a review of existing video
- School Personnel will refer to ***Guidelines for Exclusions in Exposed Individuals Chart*** (provided by Johnson County Department of Health and Environment) and will follow necessary steps and communicate with parents
 - Communication can be in form of email with full instructions outlining the length of the exclusion and options for testing and early return to school

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- Contact tracing will not occur for outdoor sports and activities but will occur for those athletes for indoor settings (locker rooms, classrooms, training room, team room, busses, vans)
- School/District shares data with Johnson County Health Department for additional tracing and tracking of cases
- Individuals in the exclusion process can return after completing the necessary isolation period outlined by the health department.

JCDHE GUIDELINES FOR EXCLUSIONS IN EXPOSED INDIVIDUALS

Table 1. Guidelines for Exclusions in Exposed Individuals

Vaccination Status or Disease History		Is a COVID-19 test recommended?	Test Type	Test Result	When can the individual return to school?	Contact Tracing
Screening Results: Symptomatic AND EXPOSURE within previous 14 days.						
Fully vaccinated OR Documented history of COVID-19 infection within the past 6 mos.	YES <i>If individual is symptomatic and has a COVID-19 exposure, they are presumed positive and should be treated as such until they receive a negative test result.</i>	PCR <i>If the individual has had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, then a PCR test is <u>NOT</u> recommended.</i>	Positive	At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in symptoms.	YES	
			Negative	May return no earlier than at least 24 hours since symptom resolution.	NO	
		Antigen <i>If the individual has had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, then an antigen test within the first five to seven days from symptom onset is recommended over PCR testing.</i>	Positive	At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in symptoms.	YES	
			Negative	May return no earlier than at least 24 hours since symptom resolution.	NO	
Unvaccinated OR Incompletely vaccinated	YES <i>If individual is symptomatic and has a COVID-19 exposure, they are presumed positive and should be treated as such until they receive a negative test result.</i>	PCR <i>If the individual has had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, then a PCR test is <u>NOT</u> recommended.</i>	Positive	At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in symptoms.	YES	
			Negative	Symptomatic contacts who are not fully vaccinated may not test out of quarantine. They must quarantine for 14 days and their symptoms must be improved.	NO	
		Antigen <i>If the individual has had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, then an antigen test within the first five to seven days from symptom onset is recommended.</i>	Positive	At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in symptoms.	YES	
			Negative	Symptomatic contacts who are not fully vaccinated may not test out of quarantine. They must quarantine for 14 days and their symptoms must be improved.	NO	
Screening Results: Exposure to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days (NO symptoms)						
Fully vaccinated OR Documented history of COVID infection within the past 6 mos.	NO	<u>Exclusion and testing are NOT indicated.</u>				NO
Unvaccinated OR Incompletely vaccinated	YES	NO TEST		10 days from last exposure to a person with COVID-19. If the person remains symptom-free, they may return to activities on day 11 after exposure.	NO	
		PCR <i>A PCR test must be conducted on day six or later to be eligible for a shortened quarantine.</i>	Positive	10 days from date the specimen was collected; they may return to activities on day 11 if no symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, see above.	YES	
			Negative	Seven days from last exposure to a person with COVID-19. They may return on day 8 after exposure. After the test is collected, if the person develops symptoms during the 14-day period, then the individual needs to self-isolate and be excluded from school REGARDLESS of the results of the test.	NO	
		Antigen <i>Antigen testing does not meet the requirements for shortened quarantine.</i>	Positive	PCR test is recommended due to the chance of false positive results in asymptomatic individuals.	--	
			Negative	10 days from last exposure to a person with COVID-19. If the person remains symptom-free, they may return to activities on day 11 after exposure. PCR testing is required to be eligible for shortened quarantine.	--	
All close contacts should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days from last exposure. If symptoms develop during the 14-day period, person should self-isolate and get a PCR test.						

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Table 2. Guidelines for Exclusion in for Individuals with NO Known Exposure

Vaccination Status or Disease History	Is a COVID-19 test recommended?	Test Type	Test Result	When can the individual return to school?	Contact Tracing
Screening Results: Symptomatic AND NO EXPOSURE within previous 14 days.					
Fully vaccinated OR Documented history of previous COVID infection within the past 6 months	MAYBE <i>Fully vaccinated individuals with no known exposure should consult with their provider to determine if a COVID-19 test is needed.</i>	A provider may determine that a COVID-19 test is recommended. If a test is conducted, then follow return guidelines based on test results.		Dependent on test results and test type.	NO
		NO TEST		At least 24 hours since symptom resolution.	
Unvaccinated OR Incompletely vaccinated	YES <i>If an unvaccinated individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, then a COVID-19 test is recommended.</i>	PCR <i>If the individual has had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, then an PCR test is <u>NOT</u> recommended.</i>	Positive	At least 10 days after symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in symptoms	YES
			Negative	May return no earlier than at least 24 hours since symptom resolution.	NO
		Antigen <i>If the individual has had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, then an antigen test is recommended.</i>	Positive	At least 10 after symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in symptoms	YES
			Negative	At least 24 hours since symptom resolution.	NO
		NO TEST		10 days from symptom onset AND at least 24 hours since resolution of fever w/o fever reducing medications AND improvement in symptoms OR 14 days from last exposure and symptoms improved (whichever is longer)	NO

TESTING/SCREENING PROTOCOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Student Body

- Symptomatic
- Exposed to COVID-19
- Within 3 days of returning from Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break

Athletes & Coaches

- At least 24 hours prior to departure and/or home game start time
 - AD & coaches supervise testing
 - Students can self-administer if supervised by trained staff
- Upon return from away game
- Negative antigen test - student attends activity
- Positive antigen test
 - PCR testing at infirmary or JoCo Health for verification
 - Student quarantines at home

Staff

- Testing required if
 - Symptomatic
 - Exposed to COVID-19
 - Positive antigen testing
- Testing locations
 - JoCo Health Department **OR**
 - Family doctor **OR**
 - Community resource

STUDENT COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM

A robust COVID-19 testing strategy supports safe, in-person learning and activities while providing another layer of protection for students, teachers, and staff. Testing is part of a comprehensive strategy to quickly identify infection and prevent it from spreading in the school. Johnson County

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schools are not required to conduct COVID-19 testing, but Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) is offering it as a free service to our school community.

A student will only be tested for COVID-19 with documentation of consent from the student's parent or legal guardian. Students who are 18+ years old, and their own legal guardian, will be allowed to sign consent for themselves.

Symptomatic – Diagnostic Testing

KSD will follow our normal processes for identifying and isolating students who are demonstrating symptoms of illness. If symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, the student will be tested at school via an antigen and/or PCR COVID-19 test.

Asymptomatic – Screening Testing

KSD will also offer COVID-19 screening testing for the purpose of identifying early or asymptomatic contagious disease. Students will be tested with a rapid antigen test if exposed to COVID-19 and within three (3) days of returning from Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Breaks. Students participating in athletics and after-school programs will be additionally tested at least 24 hours prior to departure/home game start time and upon return from away games. PCR tests will be used for confirmation. All students will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms at the time the test is conducted.

- If the student has no COVID-19 symptoms and the antigen test is positive, the student is suspected to have an infection but will need to complete a PCR test for confirmation.
- If the student has no COVID-19 symptoms and the antigen test is negative, the test can be interpreted as a true negative, which indicates the student is not infected with COVID-19.

Test to Learn/Test to Play

KSD will participate in a modified in-school quarantine option available in Johnson County. It is called Test to Learn/Test to Play because it provides a way for students to safely continue to attend school and participate in activities while in quarantine, thereby supporting academic success and social/emotional health. To participate, the student must meet eligibility criteria, and parents must consent for the student to (for the duration of the quarantine) wear a mask when indoors and be tested daily with an antigen and/or PCR test. The student will not be in close contact with other students or staff at school until a negative test result is known. Those who do not consent to participate will complete quarantine at home.

Eligible students for Test to Learn/Test to Play must meet all of the following criteria:

- The close contact occurred at school or during a school-related event.
- At least one of the involved students wore a mask correctly for the entire duration of the event, which mitigated the exposure and risk.
- The student does not already meet criteria for quarantine exemption.

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The purpose of this *Student COVID-19 Testing Consent Form* is for the parents, legal guardian, or adult student to consent to COVID-19 testing for their child at school.

Child's Name [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date of Birth [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Grade [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Address [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

City/Zip [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Parent/Guardian Name [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Phone [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

OK to text? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Please read carefully and sign the following informed consent for COVID-19 testing at KSD.

1. I understand the COVID-19 testing options available to my child and authorize KSD to conduct specimen collection and testing for COVID-19 for my child through a saliva sample, nasal or nasopharyngeal swab collection as ordered by an authorized medical provider or public health official.
 - a. For diagnostic testing ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - b. For screening testing ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - c. For Test to Learn/Test to Play ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. I understand and agree that in order to participate in Test to Learn/Test to Play modified quarantine my child must wear a mask when indoors at school and be tested daily with an antigen and/or PCR test for the duration of the modified quarantine.
 - a. Daily testing ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - b. Mask ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. If my child has a specimen collected for testing at KSD, the school may notify me of the test results via my contact information provided on this consent form using non-secure methods (email, etc.) and I understand the risks involved. I wish to be contacted in the following circumstances
 - a. Only if a positive test result is obtained ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - b. After each test (positive or negative) is obtained ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. I authorize the test results to be disclosed to the school district Point of Contact in collaboration with the Johnson County Health Department and Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
5. I acknowledge that a positive test result is an indication that my child must self-isolate to avoid infecting others for a minimum of 10 days. I also agree to assist the school with identification of any close contacts which occurred within 48 hours prior to test sample collection.
6. I understand that KSD is not acting as my child's medical provider, this testing does not replace treatment by my child's medical provider, and I will seek medical advice, care and treatment from my child's medical provider if I have questions and/or concerns.
7. I understand that, as with any medical test, there is the potential for a false positive for false negative COVID-19 test result and that KSD will collaborate with Johnson County Health Department officer for testing guidance and recommendations as needed.
8. I, the undersigned, have been informed about the test(s) purpose, and voluntarily agree to allow my child to be tested for COVID-19.

AUTHORIZATION/CONSENT TO TEST FOR COVID-19

I authorize my child to participate in COVID-19 testing at school as noted above for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature* [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Electronic and/or written signature serves as legal and binding.*

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Out of State Travel Protocols for KSD Students

1. Make contact with the opposing team/ school campus to check on their policy and procedures regarding COVID-19 at least 10 days prior to departure.
2. Check all State guidance for the opponent's location, Make sure KSD athletes are able to adhere to current policies and state requirements.
3. If possible, ask all student athletes to maintain strict COVID-19 prevention protocols at all times prior to leaving and for the duration of visit to the host campus.
4. If possible the Activity Director will request KSD students and coaches to be housed in a separate building than opposing schools students. Activity Director/Coaches will follow the KSD protocol if a KSD athlete becomes ill while on host schools campus (i.e. quarantine, etc.)
5. KSD student athletes will participate only in athletic events, no other extracurricular activities, while on host school campus. Examples are not participating in school dances, or other social activities that would expand exposure times to students from opposing schools.
6. If a student becomes ill while on an extended athletic trip, they will require treatment/ doctor visit if they have 3 of the following symptoms:
 - a. Fever above 100.4
 - b. Headache
 - c. Nausea
 - d. Dizziness
 - e. Sore throat
 - f. Cough
 - g. Loss of taste or smell
 - h. Runny nose
 - i. Congestion
7. If a KSD athlete shows covid-19 symptoms while on an athletic event, Activity Director will contact Cathy Reynolds. Nursing staff will contact the parents of student athletes regarding illness as soon as possible.
8. ***KSD will adhere to host school COVID protocol, if campus must be vacated prior to transport availability, Hotel rooms will be secured if needed for students and KSD staff. KSD will send a suburban with a single driver to all events following the charter bus, this will be utilized to transport covid positive student home if needed. Staff that has agreed prior to trip to drive suburban, will be willing to divulge vaccination status, and will sign agreement regarding covid exposure and procedures. NON-Vaccinated staff will not be allowed to volunteer for this duty. Staff member will receive comp time for these trips. If a Staff member shows symptoms of covid after returning with covid positive child, their quarantine will be admin leave.***

9. The KSD Activity Director will attempt to secure immediate transport back to KSD for all other exposed students. The KSD Activity Director will need to verify with the charter company that they will transport exposed students in the event this happens. JoCo Health Department will do contact tracing and advise of any and all possible quarantines.
10. KSD Student athletes will be sent home immediately after notification of a positive test from another team. The need for their quarantine will be assessed by the KSD nursing staff, and notification of any possible quarantined individuals will be sent out as soon as possible.

Visiting School Protocol

1. Visiting school students and personnel should be housed in separate dormitories from KSD Students.
2. Rooms/areas where the visiting team stay should be fogged right after departure.
3. Visiting student athletes should not participate in any extracurricular activities other than said **sporting event i.e. homecoming, etc.**
4. Visiting student athletes should have separate meal times from KSD students.
5. Locker rooms will be separate and cleaned and fogged after each use.
6. Visiting teams should communicate with the KSD Activity Director of any student athletes who have tested positive for covid within 10 days prior to teams scheduled visit. At that time Activity Director, admin and nursing staff can discuss the exact scenario and determine if the visit can continue as scheduled.

If your player tests positive for COVID-19, the coach or the school nurse will have to provide the contact tracing info to Cathy Reynolds, KSD Head Nurse (creynolds@kssdb.org).

If your player shows any symptoms and will need to be separated from others, each visiting team should also have a transportation plan in place prior to arriving at KSD in the event of this happening. Symptomatic student athletes will be quarantined in the same dorm as his team, if possible on a different floor or hall away from other teammates until travel arrangements can be made.

Contact tracing will be completed and all exposures will be quarantined per CDC guidelines until departure. KSD will request that if possible departure happen immediately to limit need for quarantine to a visiting team. If immediate departure is not feasible due to vehicle/ travel restriction issues etc. KSD nursing/ admin and visiting school staff will discuss scenarios and quarantine plans if more than 24 hours is needed.

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KSD nursing staff will help with contact tracing, however no health care will be provided. All care will be the responsibility of the visiting school.

Any games that have not been completed will not be played at that time.