

Kendrick Joint School District 283

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Introduction:

Our goal is to continue normal operations upon opening in fall 2021. While opening schools is the goal in Kendrick Joint School District, we know we can't control COVID-19 so we have a plan that allows us to respond to changing local, regional, state and national conditions. As conditions change, we may be forced to change how we provide instruction during the school year. This Plan includes a Green-Yellow-Red system that outlines what students, staff and parents can expect under different conditions.

- **GREEN: Normal Operations** -- **Schools will open with all students** attending school fulltime and schools implementing reasonable procedures in accordance with health guidance.
- **YELLOW: Learning With Caution** – **Schools may shift to a hybrid schedule and/or may implement additional safety measures.** Students may attend school on alternate days or alternate schedules so some students are learning part-time in school and some students are learning part-time at home. Based on conditions, hybrid schedules could be implemented in a single school, within a cluster of schools or districtwide.
- **RED: Learn At Home & Stay Safe** -- In extreme conditions, which could include a local or state stay-at-home order, **schools may close and shift to remote learning for all students.** Based on conditions, the board could close a single school, a cluster of schools or close all schools.

The KJSD 283 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan includes recommendations from health officials, and reasonable procedures to try and mitigate risks and minimize the spread of COVID-19. To accomplish our goal of reopening schools, we ask all students, staff and parents do their part by following reasonable health guidance whether they're at school or out in the community.

The plan is a living document and will be updated in accordance with new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Governor's office, the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, the Idaho High School Athletics Association and other extracurricular governing bodies, North Central Public Health District and other state and local officials.

KJSD 283's Focus Everyday:

- Provide a rigorous, **comprehensive education** for all students no matter the mode of instruction.
- **Respect health guidance** from the Centers for Disease Control and local and state health officials, and adopt reasonable practices we can control to mitigate risks and minimize spread.
- **Be flexible, empathetic and ready to respond quickly** to support families as conditions change.
- **Clearly communicate shared expectations** for students, staff and parents.

Green: Normal Operations

Districtwide Practices:

School will open and continue to implement safety and cleaning protocols to try and mitigate risks and limit the spread of COVID-19. Here's what to expect:

- Optional Masks or facial coverings (see guidelines regarding mask wearing)
- Students/staff will be monitored for sickness
- Buildings routinely cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines. Special focus on high traffic areas with proper ventilation continually monitored.
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette encouraged and integrated throughout the day
- Hand sanitizer available throughout buildings
- Schools share information with focus on preventative measures and symptoms
- Support and training for parents who need help accessing technology, tools and online curriculum.
- Buses cleaned and sanitized daily
- Non-essential visitors discouraged from entering buildings. Parents encouraged to phone from parking lot when possible. Parent-teacher meetings may be held online or over the phone.

Classroom Spaces:

- Assigned seating in every classroom
- Limited use of shared materials and supplies
- Students issued their own Chromebook
- Desks arranged to allow for cohort groups and social distancing where possible and reasonable
- Appropriate protective measures will be implemented in all offices
- Some school events, assemblies and gatherings may be changed or cancelled to limit large gatherings

Common School Spaces:

- Access to campus may be limited with new protocols for volunteers/visitors to campus.
- Students move in cohort groups where possible and reasonable to try and limit possible exposure. This will allow for contact tracing when needed.
- Cafeteria – Stagger lunch times when possible and increase serve times when necessary, self-service of items that are pre-packaged only & prepayments encouraged through online MySchoolBucks.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Follow established District and IHSAA guidelines

Priorities in Green:

The priority in the green category is to maintain normal school operations while implementing appropriate cleaning and safety protocols.

Yellow

Schools may shift to a hybrid schedule and/or may implement additional safety measures. Students may attend school on alternate days or alternate schedules so some students are learning part-time in school and some students are learning part-time at home. Based on conditions, hybrid schedules could be implemented in a single school, within a cluster of schools or districtwide. Here's what to expect:

Districtwide Practices:

- Social distancing where possible and reasonable with masks or cloth facial coverings recommended and possibly required
- Possible temperature checks for all students
- Buildings routinely cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines. Special focus on high traffic areas
- Handwashing integrated throughout the day and hand sanitizer available
- Parent-teacher meetings may be held online or over the phone
- Support and training available for parents who need help accessing technology, tools and online curriculum
- Students may be required to sit one (1) person per seat on bus, when possible, and siblings sit together. Buses cleaned daily

Classroom Spaces:

- Students may attend school on a hybrid schedule and school times may be adjusted. We will try to ensure children from the same families attend school on the same days.

School Spaces:

- Staff working closely with small groups of students may be encouraged to wear face coverings.
- Sneeze guards and other protective measures may be implemented in all offices.
- Some school events, assemblies and gatherings may be changed or cancelled to limit large gatherings.
- Access to campus may be limited with new protocols for volunteers/visitors to campus.
 - Students will move in cohort groups where possible and feasible to try and limit possible exposure.
 - School schedules may be adjusted to reduce the number of students passing in hallways.

Common Spaces:

- Lunch times may be staggered to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria and allow for some social distancing. Some students may eat in other areas of the school or outside, weather permitting.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Follow established District and IHSAA guidelines

Priorities in Yellow: The priority in the yellow category is to limit the spread of COVID-19 through reasonable actions while attempting to maintain operations as closely to normal as possible.

Red

In extreme conditions, which could include a local or state stay-at-home order, schools would close and shift to remote learning for students. Based on local conditions, the board could close a single school, a cluster of schools or close all schools. Children with disabilities would continue to have appropriate accommodations and may continue with in-person instruction. Here's what to expect:

Remote Instruction:

- Focused, rigorous instruction on key standards in each grade and content area.
- Traditional grades and accountability.
- Clear expectations and communication with students and families.
- Some of the structure of a regular school day with face-to-face online instruction with some flexibility for families.
- Support and training available for parents who need help accessing technology, tools and online curriculum.
- All parent-teacher meetings held online or over the phone
- Possible calendar changes

School Spaces:

- Closed to the general public except by special appointment.
- There may be opportunities for in-person small group instruction or intervention.
- Schools may offer Internet access in areas such as cafeterias, libraries, gymnasiums and parking lots.

Extracurricular Activities:

- Athletics and other extracurricular activities could be suspended.

Priorities in Red: Keep the community safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Miscellaneous Items

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Screening testing identifies infected people, including those with or without symptoms. In K-12 schools, screening can help promptly identify and isolate cases, quarantine those who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and are not fully vaccinated, and identify clusters to reduce the risk to in-person education.

Kendrick Joint School District will not be screening students or staff. Students and/or staff who are experiencing symptoms or have been directly exposed should follow the recommendations of their doctor or the Public Health Department.

Students, teachers and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19 should follow the recommendations of their doctor or the Public Health Department.

Vaccination

Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to prevent COVID-19. People who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are at a lower risk of symptomatic or severe infection. Evidence suggests that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are less likely to have an asymptomatic infection or transmit COVID-19 to others than people who are not fully vaccinated.

For additional information regarding vaccination, contact North Central Health District at (208) 882-7506 or access their website at: <https://www.idahopublichealth.com/>

Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

Staff and Students of at-risk students will be encouraged to speak to a health care provider about safety protocols that are being recommended for them in a school environment. The Kendrick Joint School District 283 will comply with any accommodations written in IEP's or 504 plans regarding Covid preventative measures or procedures.

Communication Plan

Kendrick Joint School District has a District Crisis Committee which will meet a minimum of every 6 months to review current protocols and the district "Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services" plan. Any recommended changes will be presented at regular monthly School Board meetings.

Student Academic Needs

Kendrick Joint School District will offer online instruction as well as in-person instruction for students during the 2021-2022 school year. If parents are uncomfortable sending students to school due to COVID-19, parents may contact the school counselor or District Administration to determine what options are available for their child(ren). Online services will be provided by Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Online students must be signed up for a minimum of a semester at a time. Attendance will be counted based on the student's academic progress in the online program.

Student Social, emotional, mental health, and other needs

The Kendrick Joint School District has a focus on school climate and safety, specifically targeting student mental health. District staff place an emphasis on communication between adults and students and providing an effective system of student support. Staff systematically identifies students needing additional support in an effort to foster social and emotional well-being. Staff are provided training annually to address bullying and suicide prevention. In addition to staff training, the district counselor provides the following services: individual counseling, group counseling and social-emotional coaching and support.

Staff Social, emotional, mental health, and other needs

District staff will be encouraged to practice healthy habits and utilize strategies recommended by the CDC. See the following CDC information related to coping with stress and practicing healthy habits:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html>

Support/technical assistance related to strategies detailed in this plan

Kendrick Joint School District 283 will continue to provide support to staff and students regarding the use of 1:1 device within the district and for those who are participating in online learning.

Review and Revision of Plan

Committee Meeting/Review Dates:

- January 3, 2022
- May 4, 2022
- October 21, 2022
- April 13, 2023
- September 30, 2023

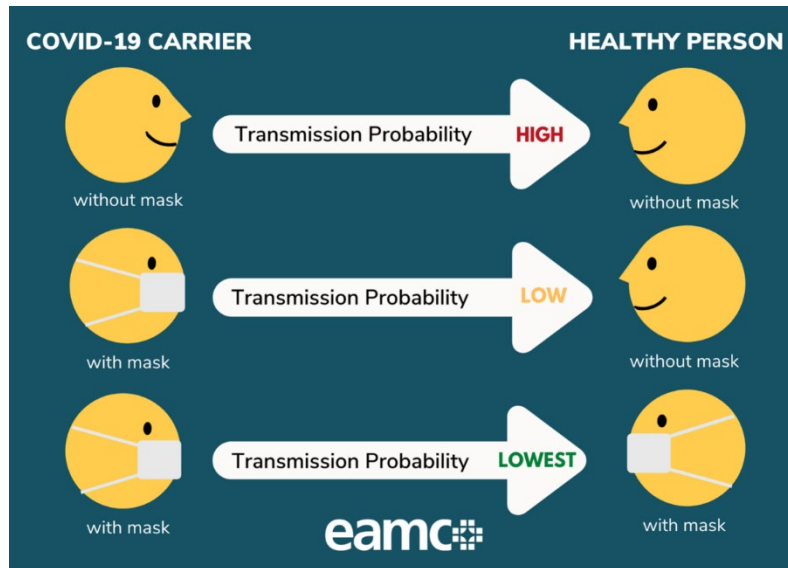
**Amendment recommendations should be made to the Superintendent within three (3) working days of committee meeting days. Amendment recommendations will be presented to the Board of Trustees at a public meeting with an opportunity for public input.*

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Information Regarding Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

The following Information is meant to provide information regarding the correct wearing of masks which are designed to best protect the health and safety of all students, staff, and community members.



When individuals who are not vaccinated wear masks consistently and correctly they protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use is especially important in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

- Indoors. Mask use is recommended by the CDC for those who are not fully vaccinated including students, teachers and staff. Children under 2 years of age should not wear a mask.
- Outdoors. In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. However, CDC recommends people who are not fully vaccinated to wear masks when in a crowded outdoor setting or during activities that involve sustained close contact with others who have not been fully vaccinated.

When masks are worn by teachers, staff or students, the masks should meet one of the following criteria:

[CDC Mask Recommendations](#)

[ASTM International Standard Specification for Barrier Face Coverings](#)

[NIOSH Workplace Performance and Performance Plus Masks](#)