

COVID-19

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MITIGATION PROTOCOL CHANGES

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District (KGBSD) Board of Education modified the COVID mitigation plan during its meeting on February 23, 2022. This quick reference guide for stakeholders outlines the changes that have been made to the plan, and protocols moving forward.

RISK LEVEL DETERMINATION

The district will operate with MODERATE RISK LEVEL as its default risk level.

If the superintendent decides an individual school must increase its risk level due to COVID-related factors, affected stakeholders will be notified.

Weekly messages/posts regarding risk level and COVID cases in schools will no longer occur.

CLOSE CONTACT TRACING ENDS

The district will no longer trace close contacts for reported COVID-positive individuals. When a COVID case is reported to a school, that school will send a "notification of COVID case" to the COVID-positive individual's class(es) and teachers. Such notification is simply a courtesy, and does not require action from anyone who receives the notification.

TEST-TO-STAY PROGRAM ENDS

Since close contacts will no longer be identified by school staff, the Test-to-Stay program is no longer necessary. If a staff or student is symptomatic, testing is available at school upon request and with a signed testing authorization form.

TRAVEL

VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

Do NOT need to quarantine.
Do NOT need to test as long as they remain asymptomatic.

UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

Recommended: Test upon returning to Ketchikan, and test a second time 5-7 days after traveling.
Do NOT need to quarantine.
Do NOT need to test as long as they remain asymptomatic.

MODERATE RISK

Learning Mode: In-person 100%

Masking: Strongly recommended for students and staff in all areas

Visitors: Invited, pre-approved, masks strongly recommended

Indoor Activities:

Indoor spectators must be masked;
Participants unmasked only when actively participating

Indoor Facility Use by Outside Groups:

Audience/spectators must be masked;
Optional masking for participants;
User groups must submit mitigation plans

COVID CASE SELF-REPORTING

Staff and students who have tested positive for COVID are expected to self-report their positive COVID status to school administration.

POSITIVE COVID-19 ISOLATION

VACCINATED & UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

5-day isolation beginning the day AFTER positive test date = Return to school on Day 6 (with at least 24 hours having passed without needing to take a fever-reducing medicine, and if other symptoms are improved)

Per district procedures for all illnesses, staff/students who exhibit two or more symptoms for any illness will be sent home from school.

All individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should be tested. Please call district nurse at 907-228-8966 with questions regarding COVID symptoms and testing.

