

2023-24 Kohler School District

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

Last Update: 2/14/24

Adults and students with the following signs and symptoms should not enter the building:

- Temperature of greater than 100° F/38° C
- Active productive cough
- Frequent sneezing
- Non allergy runny nose
- Flu like symptoms

2023-24 School Year Plans Maintaining Health and Safety	
The learning environment protocols and procedures regarding the Covid-19 virus must be fluid, as it relates to the community transmission levels. Any protocols or procedures are subject to change at any time. We have monitored our local data trends and past outcomes to create our 2023-24 plans. As we have learned from the past, local transmission trends can change quickly and will result in a change of procedures within the school. We will be monitoring for evidence of school linked transmission on a case by case basis. Our mitigation strategies will be very fluid and may change. We will notify families of changes as they occur.	
5 days/week in person learning	Students will be in school 5 days/week with in person learning. There will be no virtual learning format.
COVID-19 positive case	Everyone, regardless of vaccination status: • Stay home for a minimum of 5 days. • <i>If you have no symptoms</i> or your symptoms are resolved after 5 days, you can return to school. • Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days • <i>If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.</i>
Close contact	• Wear a mask around others for 10 days.

	• Test on day 5, if possible. <i>If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.</i> We will be monitoring for evidence of school linked transmission on a case by case basis.
Onsite COVID-19 testing for symptomatic students	We will have the ability to do onsite COVID-19 testing for students who have a signed parent permission form. Testing will be performed by the District Nurse, trained staff or our assigned health care provider partner.
Student Safety Mitigation Strategies	
The following mitigation measures have been put in place at this time to limit the spread and to protect students, families and staff for a safer learning environment. Our mitigation strategies will be very fluid and may change. We will notify families of changes as they occur.	
Stay home if you have symptoms	We continue to encourage all staff and students to do a self check of symptoms each morning before school. Adults and students with the following signs and symptoms should stay home: • Temperature of greater than 100° F/38° C • Active productive cough • Frequent sneezing • Non allergy runny nose • Flu like symptoms
Masks	Masks will be optional unless directed by health professionals due to symptoms or exposure.
Air Ventilation system	We have a high quality air ventilation system installed in our school. Fresh air circulates through our building every 10 minutes. In addition, in 2021 the District installed a cutting edge air purification system to kill viruses, bacteria, and mold.
Hand washing	We encourage regular hand washing throughout each school day.
Hand sanitizer	Hand sanitizer stations are located in every classroom doorway as well as throughout the school. Staff and students will be required to hand sanitize before entering the classroom.
Physical Distancing	Over the past few years we have learned how important personal space is to one's health and well being. The goal is to offer a quality learning experience while maximizing physical distancing as much as possible throughout the day. We encourage students to try to remain 3 feet apart as much as possible. We will do our best to keep children as far apart as

	possible to provide students their personal space. The plexiglass shields will remain in the main offices.
Water fountains and Water bottles	Students will be allowed to drink from the drinking fountains; however, students are encouraged to use the water fountains to fill up personal water bottles. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle each and every day.
Arrival to school	Students should not arrive at school before 7:40 a.m. There will be no supervision on the playground before 7:40 a.m.
Playground	We will not cohort students into groups or assign areas for play. The playground will be fully opened to play for all students.
Cafeteria	Students must wash their hands before eating and use hand sanitizer on their way out to recess or class. Tables will be sanitized between groups.
Classrooms	Hand sanitizers will be found outside classroom doorways as well as portable hand sanitizers will be found in each classroom. Teachers will monitor the sanitizing stations to ensure adequate product is available throughout the day. As in the past, student school supply lists will request a container of Disinfectant wipes if possible. (We are aware that these supplies are often difficult to obtain.) Classroom doors will be left open as often as feasible so children can avoid touching door handles. Doors will remain in a locked position with the magnet in place for when the door would need to be closed for a specific activity or in case of an emergency situation.
Restrooms	Students will be expected to use proper handwashing practices. The bathrooms will be cleaned throughout the day in addition to being fully sanitized at the end of each school day.
Continuity of Services/The Learning Environment	
Learning for Quarantined Students	Students who miss school will work with their teachers regarding the work that they have missed.
Google Classroom	Teachers will continue to use the Google Classroom platform. This will provide students access to class work and assignments.

Parent volunteers	Visitors with a purpose will be welcome in the building. Please check in to the front office upon your arrival. Parent volunteers may need to submit to a background check.
Classroom treats	Chef Jeff will continue his birthday treat program and you will still be able to order the following treats from Chef Jeff: cookies, brownies, rice krispie treats or ice cream cups. Birthday treat order form
Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs	Additional counseling staff has been added to the middle school staff to address our students' social and emotional learning needs.
Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs	The staff's social, emotional, and mental health needs may be addressed through the Employee Assistance Program provided through the District insurance program.
Periodic Review	The Kohler School District will periodically review and, as needed, revise the plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. The plan will be reviewed at least every six months.
Access to the plan	The Kohler School District has taken the following steps to make its plan available to the public: • The plan is posted on the school district website in multiple places • The plan is shared and discussed at Kohler School District Board of Education meetings where public comment is offered.