



Safe Return to School 2021-2022 plan update January 18, 2022. This update utilizes the Montgomery County Health Department, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas State Department of Education, and Center of Disease Control recommendations. This change is motivated by what we currently know about COVID-19 and the Omicron variant which is the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after.

Positive Covid-19 Diagnosis: Any student or staff member with a positive Covid diagnosis shall complete a five (5) day isolation period. Individuals may return to school on day 6 provided all the following occur: 1) No Covid-19 symptoms or your symptoms are resolving; 2) Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication; 3) Wear a mask while at school for 5 additional days.

Contact Quarantine Periods are NO longer required. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will suspend quarantine and contact tracing requirements within schools for 30 days beginning Tuesday, January 18, 2022, due to the massive numbers of positive cases and a shortage of testing supplies. Families will need to monitor for symptoms and children who become symptomatic must stay home. If your child remains symptom free, they will not be excluded from school or related activities.

Federal Law: "Masks must be worn on buses and other district transportation."

ELC staff will be able to return after their 5 days of quarantine and mask days 6-10. ELC students will Quarantine the full 10 days.

RMS & FKHS will remain on remote learning throughout this week and will come back in person on January 24th. They will still be required to wear a mask until our percentage falls below 2%. Athletes will no longer need to be cleared by a physician.

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CES will remain under a mask mandate until January 21st, where we will then re-evaluate if masks need to be worn due to the positivity rate being above 2%.

This pandemic requires that we remain flexible and fully understand that what we do today may not be what we do tomorrow to combat the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your patience and flexibility, we greatly appreciate it.

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