

KEWANEE SCHOOL DISTRICT #229 SPRING (March 22) RETURN TO LEARN PLAN 2020-2021

Disclaimer:

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, the Kewanee Community Unit School District 229 has been working with the Illinois State Board of Education, the Bureau, Henry, & Stark Counties Regional Office of Education, Illinois Department of Public Health, Henry and Stark County Health Department, and the Office of Emergency Management of Henry County to explore all ways possible to provide education and support for District students and staff. All staff have had the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This updated return to plan will take effect more than 15 days after the last group receives their second dose of the vaccine. The District website, kcud229.org, contains current information related to COVID-19 as released by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Because of the fluidity of the virus, this plan is a flexible document that can be changed to meet new guidelines.

General Health and Safety Guidelines

- Face masks must be worn at all times (even when social distance is maintained) except when eating or outdoors.
- Designated staff will be trained on newly purchased sanitation supplies/equipment to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
- District staff and new signage will emphasize frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing and other personal hygiene.
- School nurses will use the latest COVID-19 Interim Exclusion Guidance: Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Pre-K, K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs.
- Students exhibiting symptoms or fevers greater than 100.4°F will not be allowed to attend.
- Masks must be worn prior to and while riding the bus.
- For in-person learning, social distancing procedures will ensure no less than 3-feet physical distance from students and vaccinated staff.
- Social distancing of 6 feet will be maintained in all instances where students or staff are not wearing masks, such as during eating.

Changes to School Days & Grading

Student attendance times will vary by building, with all schools dismissed by 2:00 pm, except for scheduled early dismissals or late starts. PreK students will follow their regular schedule of "morning" students dismissing at 10:30am and "afternoon" students dismissing at 2:30pm. PreK students will only be offered four days a week of in-person instruction if IDPH guidelines allow.

- Kewanee schools will maintain the district's grading policy.
- First day of four-day per week attendance (K-12) will be Tuesday, March 23rd.
- Kewanee students may elect to attend "In-Person," defined as four days per week (Monday, full remote; Tuesday-Friday, in person) or be "Full Remote." Students who elect the "Full Remote" option do so with the understanding that enrollment will be for the remainder of the school year. "In-Person" students may choose the "Full Remote" option at any time.
- Families must select "In-Person" or "Full Remote" no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, March 19th.
- PreK-6th grade students: Students will remain in their designated classroom with their assigned grade-level teacher.
- Music, Library, and Art specials classes will take place in the classroom whenever possible.

- Junior High students: When possible, junior high students will remain in a designated classroom for multiple periods in a row.
- High School students: High school students will follow their normal class schedules.
- Whenever ever possible, empty spaces will be utilized in order to increase social distancing (i.e., Golby Student Center, Petersen Foyer, etc.).
- The chart below shows a sample school week.
- Monday will be Remote Learning for All Students.
- Kewanee High School students in the life skills class will be considered for in-person instruction five days per week.

PreK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-Person	Remote Planning Day or Remote Learning Day	A Day In Person B Day Remote	B Day In Person A Day Remote	A Day In person B Day Remote	B Day In Person A Day Remote
Full Remote	Remote Planning Day or Remote Learning Day	Full Remote	Full Remote	Full Remote	Full Remote

K-12	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-Person	Remote Planning Day or Remote Learning Day	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person
Full Remote	Remote Planning Day or Remote Learning Day	Full Remote	Full Remote	Full Remote	Full Remote

Health & Wellness

Social & Physical Distancing

Per Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), in-person instruction is allowed and encouraged to return in Phase IV. For in-person learning, social distancing procedures will ensure no less than 3-feet physical distance from students and vaccinated staff. Social distancing of 6 feet will be maintained in all instances where students or staff are not wearing masks, such as during eating. Unvaccinated staff will maintain 6 feet social distancing as much as possible. Staff and students should abstain from physical contact, including, but not limited to, handshakes, high fives, hugs, etc.

Lunch spaces will be limited to the number of students and staff that can maintain social distancing at any one time.

PPE and Face Coverings

All students will be issued two masks. Students will be expected to wear masks upon entering a bus and/or school building. Students who fail to bring a mask will be issued a mask for the day. Students who consistently refuse to bring a mask will be transferred to remote learning. Students who refuse to wear a mask will not be admitted onto a bus or into a school building. Those students who refuse to keep masks on during the school day will be subject to disciplinary measures which could include exclusion from in-person instruction and the student will have to learn via remote learning five days a week.

Masks must be worn at all times in school buildings even when social distancing is maintained.

For students who are unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition, the district will work with parents/guardians and the child to determine the best method of providing instruction for that student on a case by case situation in cooperation with the student's healthcare provider.

Hygiene

Frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing are key to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Staff members must clean hands as often as possible with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol may be used. Students and Staff must avoid touching their mouth, eyes, or nose as much as possible. Hand sanitizer will be placed in common areas throughout each building. Each building will place signage reminding everyone of the need for proper hand hygiene in the appropriate areas. If assisting a student requires close contact, hand washing, or sanitizing must be done before and after contact with students. It is recommended that hand hygiene is performed upon arrival to and departure from school.

Health Screenings

Parents and Staff must sign the *Self-Certifying Health Screening Form*. The questions asked of staff are:

1. Have you or anyone in the household experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 72 hours (fever, cough, shortness of breath, vomiting, loss of taste or smell or other respiratory problem)?
2. Have you or anyone in your household been in close contact with or cared for someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
3. Has the employee taken any fever reducing medication within the last 24 hours in order to alleviate a fever?
4. Has the employee had a temperature greater or equal to 100.4 Fahrenheit within the last 72 hours?

The questions asked of students are:

1. Have you or anyone in the household experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 72 hours (fever, cough, shortness of breath, vomiting, loss of taste or smell or other respiratory problem)?
2. Have you or anyone in your household been in close contact with or cared for someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days?

3. Has the student taken any fever reducing medication within the last 24 hours in order to alleviate a fever?
4. Has the student had a temperature greater or equal to 100.4 Fahrenheit within the last 72 hours?

Parents and Staff are encouraged to take temperatures at home; however, the district reserves the right to have staff and students take their temperature taken prior to entering a building or as soon as possible.

Visitors

Visitors to the building will be restricted in comparison to past practice. Building principals will determine the amount of access visitors will have to a building. All visitors must complete a *Self-Certifying Health Screening Form* and will have their temperature taken prior to entering a building.

General Building Cleaning

The custodial staff will be cleaning commonly touched surfaces on a regular basis. Cafeteria staff will be cleaning the kitchen area on a regular basis.

The Kewanee American Job Center has provided additional individuals to help clean buildings after students and staff have left the building. One person has been hired to clean/sanitize the school buses. Specialized equipment is being utilized to help clean and sanitize the buildings.

The Great Dane Strength Training Center (KHS) will continue to be cleaned by staff and participants.

Busing

Buses will be limited to a total of fifty people on a bus. (49 passengers and one driver.) Weather permitting, all windows will be lowered to the appropriate level. Everyone on the bus will be required to wear a mask. The Kewanee American Job Center has provided a person to clean the buses throughout the day.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)/Henry & Stark County Health Department/Henry County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

When assessing the health and welfare of students and staff, the District will follow IDPH guidelines. Locally, the Henry & Stark County Health Department will be providing guidance concerning the following: 1) How and who gets notified if there is a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 among students and/or staff, and 2) How long a person(s) must be absent from school/work.

IHSA/IESA

The District will follow IHSA/IESA rules concerning social distancing and the wearing of a mask during practice/competition. This also includes following specific rules that cover fan participation. (i.e. Seating capacity and the wearing of a mask.) Students will be expected to follow all rules concerning physicals.

Instruction

Music-Related Courses

Students should wear face coverings while singing and avoid touching, choreography, and singing/playing in circles. Students should sanitize hands prior to handling instruments. Instruments should not be shared at any time. Sanitize hands after using instruments. Special care shall be taken with instrument mouthpieces; it is recommended that reed players use plastic instead of cane reeds. (p. 37, *ISBE Part 3-Transition Joint Guidance*)

Driver's Education Behind-the-Wheel Instruction

In order to provide behind-the-wheel training to students in driver's education in compliance with all Secretary of State and IDPH safety requirements, the following procedures must be followed:

- Allow only two students and one instructor per vehicle.
 - Face coverings must be worn, unless medically contraindicated.
 - Prohibit eating and drinking in the vehicle.
 - Open the windows whenever possible.
 - Do not make any stops during the training that are not applicable to driver's education to reduce the amount of time in the vehicle.
 - Complete hand hygiene with soap and water or hand sanitizer, as appropriate, before and after driving and, at the minimum, upon completion. Hand sanitizer should be placed in each vehicle.
 - Clean and disinfect the steering wheel, door handles, seatbelt fastener, controls/dials that the driver would come in contact with, keys, etc. in between each behind-the-wheel session.
 - Conduct regular routine cleaning and disinfecting of the seats.
- (p. 37, *ISBE Part 3-Transition Joint Guidance*)

Physical Education, Gymnasiums, Playgrounds, Lockers and Locker Rooms

P.E. activities will maintain social distancing. Masks must be worn inside during physical education class. Students may remove their mask outside if social distancing can be maintained. Hallway lockers and locker room lockers will be frequently sanitized and utilized only when necessary. Students will be allowed to carry a backpack or bag with their textbooks/materials and personal belongings. Use of playground equipment will follow IDPH guidelines.