



Layers of Protection from COVID-19; Keeping our Students and Staff Safe at School

We are happy to have students back on campus for full-day instruction. We realize that COVID-19 still poses a risk; therefore, we will follow our layers of protection while also following the guidance of CDPH, Humboldt County, and our local health experts. We know more about COVID-19 than we did at the beginning of the pandemic, and we believe that these layers of protection will help us to open schools safely.

Layer One: Vaccination

All KTJUSD staff will be vaccinated or tested weekly for COVID. We also encourage surveillance testing of our vaccinated employees.

Students twelve years old and older qualify for the vaccine. Talk with your health care provider or visit myturn.gov to find out more.

Layer Two: At-Home Self-check

Students and staff should not come to school if they are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms or if they know they have been a close contact to a COVID-positive individual in the last ten days. Symptoms include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

Layer Three: Health Screenings upon Arrival to School

All students, staff, and visitors will pass through a checkpoint upon arrival to school. They will get their temperature taken and answer screening questions regarding symptoms and COVID exposure. At this point, they will sanitize their hands and get a mask if they need one.

*See COVID-19 Screening Flowchart and
COVID-19 Exposure Screening Flowchart (attached)*

Layer Four: Masking

All students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, will wear masks while at school, both indoors and outdoors. Masks will be provided to any individual who needs one.

Layer Five: Sickroom

Anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms at school will be referred to administration for a COVID-19 Screening. We will use room 5 as our sickroom, a small room near the office, to separate the symptomatic individual from others.

See COVID-19 Screening Flowchart

We ask that families prepare for possible contact during the day in order to have their child picked up quickly.

Layer Six: Hand Hygiene

All classrooms have hand sanitizer, which will be used before and after recesses, and at any other transitions during the day. All classrooms have sinks, and teachers will build hand washing into the daily classroom routine.

Our restroom policy will continue to be one student at a time.

Layer Seven: Distancing

We will continue to promote distancing as much as possible. Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements (3 feet) when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented.

Layer Eight: Time Outside

We are creating outside spaces for both learning and eating. We plan to use these spaces when weather and air quality permit.

Layer Nine: Ventilation

Our school facilities are equipped with modernized HVAC systems with MERV8 filters that are on a regular maintenance and replacement schedule. In the event that there is a positive case at school, the filter will be replaced in the room. Each room also has a standing HEPA air filter.

Layer Ten: Reporting and Contact Tracing

If we have a COVID case at our school, we will follow the latest guidance from the county health department for reporting and contact tracing, and exclusion from school until cleared.

See COVID-19 Positive Test in School Flowchart

Layer Eleven: Available Testing

COVID testing is currently available for our district students and staff through Primary Health. You may register through https://my.primary.health/r/ktjUSD?registration_type=student Please check with our principal to ask about district provided testing options.

Layer Twelve: Daily Cleaning

Our school facility is cleaned daily by our cleaning staff.