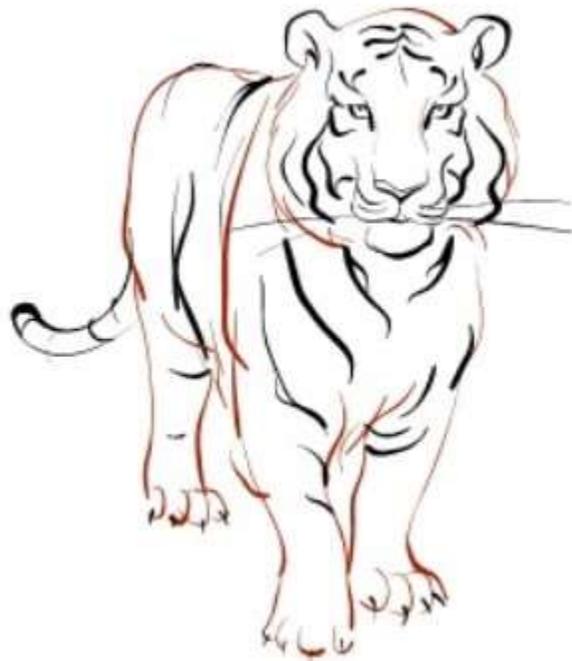


Kingston 42 Re-Entry Plan Fall 2020

Board approved on July 13, 2020



The purpose of this plan is to create the safest return to Face-to-Face instruction for students of the Kingston 42 School District. As the COVID 19 situation is ever changing, this is a plan which may need altering as the school year unfolds. This plan is a framework for parents to determine if face-to-face instruction meets the needs of their family. The committee completely understands the dynamics of every family is different, and as such, each family has to make their own decision about what is best for their children's education. As there is no way to create a plan that meets the needs of everyone, families that do not feel safe in sending their children back to school will be provided options on how their children will receive educational services.

The consensus of the committee is that the COVID 19 virus will not be eradicated any time soon. Therefore, the plan must include a plan for disruptions in face-to-face instruction. Borrowing terminology from the article, (<https://www.edsurge.com/news/2020-05-27-what-will-schools-do-in-the-fall-here-are-4-possible-scenarios>) and author Emily Tate, the school will take into consideration recommendations from local Health Departments, CDC guidelines, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and the office of Governor Parsons, to determine which scenario the school should be utilizing at any one time. The four possible school scenarios include:

1. **BRICK TO CLICK LEARNING-** The academic year would look like a normal year with in-person classes. Students would be in the building for normal instruction with safety guards in place to reduce the likelihood of being exposed to the COVID 19 virus.

Staff members will receive additional professional development at the end of the summer to prepare for any future virtual/at-home learning. These preparations would prepare the school for a quick transition should there be a quick increase in positive cases of COVID 19. Should there be a significant increase in COVID 19 cases, the school would transition from brick (in-school) to click (virtual) instruction.

2. **CLICK TO BRICK LEARNING-** The academic school year would begin with online learning while the district and local health care professionals monitor the number of positive cases within the school district or region. School would transition back into the building when benchmarks or safeguards showed it was safe for students to return to face-to-face learning.
3. **BLENDED LEARNING-** The school would provide a combination of face-to-face learning and online instruction.
4. **ONLINE LEARNING-** In the event the COVID 19 Virus does not allow for any student access to the building, all instruction would take place online to ensure the safety of students.

As mentioned previously, the virus is not likely to be eradicated/eliminated prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. A decision on which of the above four methodologies for instruction would not be decided until early August, 2020.

Should families determine they do not feel safe sending their children back to school, the Kingston 42 School District will offer one of two options for families:

1. Online instruction provided through a vendor such as Launch, created by the Springfield School District. In this instruction, Launch would provide all instruction, grade student work, and assign grades. The grades would then be sent to the Kingston 42 School District for placement on the student's permanent school records.

2. Should the number of families requesting online instruction be a manageable number, the Kingston 42 School District will look to hire additional personnel to work with families via a Kingston 42 School District online course offering. This plan would look similar to what students received in the spring of 2020. Option 2 would be available if there is a low need for virtual instruction and proper personnel were available.

For clarification, it would be impossible to expect a teacher to teach all day, grade, plan for instruction, and then spend a good portion of the evening teaching in a virtual environment. Additionally, it would likely cause violations to the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA) to transmit live instruction during the regular school day with other students in the room. If it is possible to teach our students who need to remain home, the district will, but if the numbers are higher than the district can accommodate, the Launch program will need to be an option for families.

Once families have made the decision whether to return to face-to-face instruction or choose to utilize a virtual method of instruction, students will be required to remain in that learning tract with changes available at the beginning of the second and third quarters only.

Health Safeguards

1. Masks- Masks will not be a mandatory requirement for students or staff members
 - a. Should a child become sick at school and show signs of potential COVID 19 symptoms a child would be asked to wear a mask in a transition room until a family member could pick the child up.
 - b. Teachers will not be responsible for the masks of students that choose to wear a mask.
2. Hand Sanitizer-The Kingston 42 School District is in the process of obtaining adequate supplies of hand sanitizer for the school year.
 - a. As the current form of sanitizer is in a liquid form, the school will provide each teacher with a pump bottle dispenser of hand sanitizer. The teacher will pump the hand sanitizer on students hands several times a day to help limit the spread of COVID 19.
 - i. Students will also be taught proper hand washing procedures and will be provided with multiple opportunities to wash their hands daily.
 - ii. Students will also be taught to minimize the number of times a day they touch their face with their hands.
 - iii. Parents whose children have skin conditions that will not allow them to use hand sanitizer continually through the day will need to provide their own sanitizing solution to keep their child safe at school.
3. Temperature Checks-The district will conduct daily temperature checks of students.
 - a. Parents are asked to keep their children home if they are showing signs of illness.
 - i. DESE is working with families this year to reduce the consequences of absences due to illness for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - b. Parents are also asked not to give their children doses of medication designed to force the body to drive down a temperature for the purpose of sending their child to the school.
 - c. Students who have a temperature at school over 100.0 will be given a mask to wear until they have left the school with a parent/guardian.
4. Social Distancing-
 - a. Social Distancing will not work well with school aged children, they simply cannot do it and it takes time to teach the concept.

- b. Doctors on the DESE and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services webinar encouraged people to keep their distance as much as possible and wear a mask if they could not. Teachers will be asked to minimize one-on-one student interaction.
 - c. Classrooms will be set up with as much social distance between desks as possible.
 - d. Students will be taught the importance of covering coughs and sneezes, hand hygiene, and not coming to school sick or with a fever.
 - e. Students will be taught to be conscientious of their surroundings and exhibit behaviors that take the needs of others into consideration.
 - f. The district will work to keep students 6 feet apart, but there will be times when that is not possible. The district will adhere to the MSBA goal of 6 feet for social distancing, but accepts that it will be impossible to obtain at all times.
5. Disinfectant Machine-The district has access to an electrostatic sprayer which can be sprayed in each room. The mist from these machines attaches itself to places too difficult for a rag or cloth to get to for cleaning purposes.
- a. The frequency of use will be determined by the guidelines provided by the manufacturer.

Transportation-

- 1. The Kingston 42 School District will continue to transport students as they have in the past.
 - a. Seats will be assigned to families, and families of students will sit together.
 - b. Seating will be assigned so that social distance is maintained for as long of the trip as is possible.
 - c. Families will be encouraged to transport their own children.

Cafeteria Guidelines

- 1. Students will be allowed to eat in the cafeteria or classroom.
 - a. The district may add more lunch shifts or allow part of the shift to eat in the classroom.
 - b. Seating will be assigned and staggered, so that students are not sitting directly across from one another.
 - c. Napkins and silverware will be placed on trays directly by staff.
 - d. Food sharing will be prohibited.
 - e. As there is little evidence to suggest that transmission of COVID 19 comes from food, the necessary changes here are minimal.

Recess, P.E., Art, Music, Library

- 1. Recess will still take place. Recess times will be spread out to reduce the amount of children on the playground at any one time.
 - a. Non-touching games will be encouraged.
 - b. Students will be reminded to not touch their faces during recess. Students will be given hand sanitizer immediately after recess.
 - c. Outdoor areas generally require normal routine cleaning and do not require disinfection. Spraying disinfectant on outdoor playgrounds is not an efficient use of disinfectant supplies and has not been proven to reduce the risk of COVID 19 to the public. You should maintain existing cleaning and hygiene practices for outdoor areas. If practical, high touch surfaces made of plastic or metal, such as grab bars and railings, should be cleaned routinely. Cleaning and disinfection of wooden surfaces (e.g., play structures, benches, tables) or groundcovers (e.g., mulch, sand) is not recommended. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>)

2. Physical Education (P.E.)
 - a. Teach activities that require minimal social interaction, however, there may at times be games that requires person-to-person touch at times.
 - b. For activities that require and increased heart rate, utilize a 10-12 social distancing rule for classes.
3. Music
 - a. Classes where students are singing will spread out to a minimum of 10-12 feet.
 - i. During appropriate weather, classes could be conducted outside.
 - b. Students will not share equipment
 - c. Activities that require close contact or potential contact with another person should not be included.
 - d. Students will face the same direction at all times.
4. Art
 - a. Sharing of materials or equipment will be kept to a minimum. Should equipment need to be shared the equipment will be washed or hand sanitizer be provided.
 - b. Lesson/creations where students bring their own materials will be encouraged.
5. Library
 - a. Students will be able to check out books.
 - b. Returned books will be placed in a plastic sealable tub for 48 hours or more prior to returning them to circulation.

Academics

1. The Kingston 42 School District will adhere to a grading policy should the district be required to move into a virtual instruction mode. A committee of teachers will create the grading policy and have it in place at the start of the school year.
2. Teachers will create lessons that do not require students to share materials, such as crayons, scissors, pencils, etc. Should there be a time where materials have to be shared, those materials will be cleaned prior to being used by another student.
3. Families will be surveyed later in the summer on home preparedness for virtual instruction. The district will provide internet hot-spots to families without internet options.
4. In the event the school transitions into a virtual setting, attendance in virtual instruction will be required and students will be required to adhere to set schedules created by the classroom teacher. The district/teacher will take into consideration that not all families can be in a virtual classroom during the day due to family constraints outside of their ability to control.

Social and Emotional Support

1. The Kingston 42 School District understands that the COVID 19 crisis has caused a great deal of stress and disruption into the lives of its student body.
2. As has been the case in previous years, the district has protocols in place to work with students and families who are experiencing difficult situations. As it is impossible to plan for each potential scenario, the staff of the school will work with students as the school becomes aware of situations students are dealing with.

Cleaning and disinfecting the building

1. The district will follow the recommendations of the manufacturer of the Electrostatic Fogging machine to disinfect classrooms.
2. Custodial staff will be trained in the CDC guidelines issues by the CDC. (Attached to this document)
3. High volume will be disinfected throughout the school day.
4. Additional staff will be hired should an evening cleaning be necessary.
5. The Re-Entry Committee has expressed some concern that over cleaning could kill too many good germs reducing the body's immune system and its ability to fight off infection/illness. The committee also has concerns about too many chemicals causing difficulties for students with allergies and asthma.

Procedures for students who become sick at school

1. Contact the parent and determine if the child has been in an area where they may have been exposed to COVID 19.
2. Students with a temperature of 100.0 or higher will be sent home
3. A child would not be allowed to return to school until they are fever free for 72 hours, and any other illness related symptoms are showing signs of improving.
4. A child with a health care providers note may return to school after being fever free for 24 hours.
5. The school will encourage a family to get COVID 19 testing, but will not require it.
6. Students will be placed on a 14 day symptom watch to see if they develop any additional symptoms associated with COVID 19.
7. Requirements for students that have been exposed or potentially exposed will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The local health department and CDC guidelines will help guide each scenario presented and administration will make a determination for next steps.
8. When there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID 19 was in a school building, the school will contact the local health department immediately. The school will then close long enough to disinfect the building. The school will remain closed if additional conditions warrant staying closed longer.
9. If there is a positive case, families will be notified that a person has tested positive for COVID 19 in the building and encourage cooperation with the school and the local health department to conduct trace contacting with the individual. The individual who tested positive will not be identified in communications to the school community at large but may need to be selectively identified for contact tracing by the health department.
10. While the school is closed, all school activities will be cancelled or rescheduled, regardless of whether the activity was to take place in the building or another location, including extracurricular activities.

This re-entry plan was created with input from the administration, teachers, the school nurse, the food service director, and parents. All parents were invited to complete a re-entry survey as well as participate in the development of this plan. It is impossible to create a plan that takes into consideration every condition we may face during the next school year. As such, this plan may see additions made to it. This plan has been put in place for families to make a decision on what will be in the best interest of their families in regards to educating their children.