



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

With COVID-19 cases continuing to decline and the accessibility of testing and vaccinations on the rise, I am happy to report that this virus has not played a major factor in planning for the 2022-23 school year. In fact, we believe strongly that we can remove a number of COVID-19 related protocols without increasing the risk of in-school transmission, ensuring that our faculty, staff and students return to a “normal school year.”

Please review the following information pertaining to COVID-19 protocols.

- Virtual instruction has been eliminated for students who choose to quarantine or isolate. As with any illness, students can makeup work by reaching out to their teachers. Virtual instruction may be used on an as-needed basis.
- Contact tracing has been eliminated.
- The testing mandate for unvaccinated staff has been eliminated.
- The option for employees to telework due to COVID related illness or quarantine has been eliminated.
- The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) has recommended that instead of quarantining if you were exposed to COVID-19, wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day 5.
- We are reiterating the CDC’s guidance that regardless of vaccination status, faculty, staff and students should isolate from others when positive for COVID-19.
 - If you test positive, stay home for at least 5 days from the day symptoms began and isolate from others.
 - You should also isolate if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19 but do not yet have test results.
 - If your results are positive, follow CDC’s full isolation recommendations.
 - If your results are negative, you can end your isolation.
- Student absences are excused only when proof of a positive test and/or a physician’s certificate is submitted to the attendance and/or nurse’s office at the time of absence.

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 and/or other health related matters, please contact our school nurses at [Health Services](#).

Very truly yours,

Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools

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