

KCS Family,

EOC sent out a message earlier this evening stating the community risk level is advancing to the high-risk level-3. The school district met for an emergency meeting this evening and voted to move the school district from low to medium risk level. Due to the planning and effort put in place at the beginning of the year by the KCS staff, we will make minor adjustments to our current plan. All students at KCS will be at school tomorrow and will continue with the Monday-Friday schedule currently in place. The district plans to stay at the medium risk level for a minimum of two weeks unless the need to raise the level occurs. Below is the KCS Medium-Risk Plan.

Ketchikan Charter Medium Risk Covid Plan

When the school district moves to a Medium Risk Level, our Smart Start Response plan will only need relatively minor adjustments.

1. School Schedule
 - a. All students will continue to be onsite five days a week. If the medium risk level is sustained and approaches High, we may re-adjust, and students attend Monday-Thursday with Friday used for at-home learning and teacher preparation for High Risk 100% at-home learning.
2. Student Placement
 - a. In-district transfers of students from other schools will not be considered except in cases of profound and demonstrated academic need. Other student enrollments will continue up to the pre-established classroom caps.
3. Desks
 - a. All student desks or tables will be arranged as close to 6 feet apart as possible while keeping the room functional for learning.
4. Circle Time or Carpet time
 - a. Circle or carpet time should be minimal, and if used, be less than 15 minutes in length.
5. PE
 - a. PE class procedures will remain the same.
6. Prep for At-Home Learning
 - a. Teachers will ensure students are adequately prepared for at-home learning. Emergency packets are ready, canvas procedures are practiced in class, and a printout of login information is readily available to send out to parents.
7. Hallways
 - a. Limit student time in the hallway. Students transiting in the hallway should be for scheduled activities, bathroom use, and unplanned situations such as disciplinary office visits or health aide examinations.
8. Student Arrival and release
 - a. Student arrival and release procedures will remain the same.

9. Support Services

- a. Support services will remain the same.

10. Office Visits

- a. Staff should limit indoor social congregations, including in the office. Students sent to the health aide for symptom evaluation should continue to use the health aide areas. The classroom teacher addresses minor medical concerns.

11. Mask Wearing

- a. Students and staff continue wearing masks except when eating and drinking. “Mask Breaks” should be used only when developmentally needed, be very short in duration, and at times when a student is more than 6 feet away from another student.

KCS teachers are excited to continue doing what they do best, educating your child. We continue to thank you all for your support as we proceed through this distressing time. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

To your child’s continued success,
Kayla Livingston
Ketchikan Charter School Principal