

KGBSD 22-23 COVID Mitigation Plan

Background: The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, which allocates school districts funds through September 2023, requires participating school districts to operate under a mitigation plan regarding COVID-19.

The KGBSD recognizes that individuals may test positive for COVID-19. The expectation is that COVID-positive individuals will isolate, and will not enter school buildings during their infectious periods.

The KGBSD thanks the community of Ketchikan in advance for utilizing safe hygiene practices and helping to keep COVID-19 out of the schools. Let's keep the schools safe, healthy, and open!

Calendar: [View/print the KGBSD 22 -23 School Year Calendar](#)

Risk Levels

Default Risk Level: The KGBSD will operate at a default risk level of **LOW**. All schools* will follow the mitigation plans for that level.

Risk Level Determination: If COVID cases in an individual school building hinder that building's ability to serve students, building principals will alert the KGBSD Superintendent.

- **Who sets risk levels:** KGBSD Superintendent
- **When risk levels are set/changed:** As needed

School Closure: If COVID cases in an individual school building warrant a building closure, the KGBSD Superintendent will confer with the KGBSD School Board and healthcare professionals to make that determination.

*Tongass School of Arts and Sciences (TSAS) determines its own risk levels and mitigation measures.

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Risk Levels

LOW RISK

Learning Mode: In-person 100%
Masking: Personal choice of staff/student/visitors at all schools
Visitors: Welcome, masking optional
Activities: Operating with no restrictions
Facility Use by Outside Groups: Operating with no restrictions

MODERATE RISK

Learning Mode: In-person 100%
Masking: Recommended for students/staff/visitors in all areas
Visitors: Pre-approved visitors only
Activities: Indoor spectator and participant masking recommended
Facility Use by Outside Groups: Audience/spectator masking recommended; optional masking for participants; user groups must submit mitigation plans

SUBSTANTIAL RISK

Learning Mode: In-person 100%
Masking: Strongly recommended for students/staff/visitors in all areas
Visitors: Pre-approved, educationally-based visitors only
Activities: Indoor spectator and participant masking and distancing strongly recommended
Facility Use by Outside Groups: Audience/spectator/participant masking and distancing strongly recommended; limitations on use of common areas; user groups must submit mitigation plans

HIGH RISK

Learning Mode: In-person 100%
Masking: Required of everyone in all areas
Visitors: No visitors allowed
Activities: Indoor spectator and participant masking and distancing required
Facility Use by Outside Groups: Audience/spectator/participant masking and distancing required; limitations on use of common areas; user groups must

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Educational Options

- **Onsite:** enroll at a school site and attend in-person classes following the risk level mitigation plans being implemented;
- **Homeschool:** enroll in [FastTrack Homeschool Program](#).

Travel

Vaccinated Individuals:

- Do NOT need to quarantine;
- Do NOT need to test as long as they remain asymptomatic.

Unvaccinated Individuals:

- Recommended: Test upon returning to Ketchikan, and test a second time 5-7 days after traveling.
- Do NOT need to quarantine.
- Do NOT need to test as long as they remain asymptomatic

Resources:

- [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) Guidelines for K-12 School](#)[KGBSD COVID Information Page](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\) COVID](#)