

## **KPBSD Mitigation Plan Updates 8/26/2021**

### **Student Support Services**

#### **Housekeeping/Reminders sent to School Administrators emailed August 11, 2021**

- During lunch time, please ensure you have a plan in place that will keep the students from being directly next to each other in the lunchroom. Keeping the spacing during this time will be one of the ways we are ensuring the community that we are being safe.
- While there are transitions in the hallways, please have staff members visible

#### **KPBSD COVID Positive Student/Staff Principal Checklist emailed to principals August 17, 2021**

#### **Antigen Screening or Student Athletes Discontinued August 18, 2021**

#### **Email sent to School Administrators and Athletic Directors**

- In response to the limited and dwindling supply of antigen screening kits, it has been determined to cease the weekly antigen screening for student athletes. Testing will occur only when deemed necessary for student destination travel, staff travel and contact identification purposes.
- It has been verified Anchorage School District, Fairbanks NorthStar Borough School District and the Mat-Susitna Borough School District are following similar protocols.

#### **Director Correspondence Email to School Administrators August 23, 2021**

- Classroom teachers groups students in pods. These pods are now the classes' 'close contact groups.'
- This list is shared with teachers who have the classes for specials i.e. music, PE, art, Speech, pull outs, etc. The specialist will try to have fidelity to these 'close contact groups' within their rooms.
- While we still try to keep as much distance between individual students, we put the focus on keeping the 'close contact groups' more socially distanced and helping to move the herd along.

### **Student Support Services**

#### **Email sent to KPBSD School Administrators and Special Education Staff August 24, 2021**

Itinerant staff (more than one school and therefore travel to multiple school sites), below is some guidance:

- If you are at a school site other than your “home” school, you are considered a visitor and should wear a mask. Please continue to follow the [Mitigation Plan 21-22](#) at all sites you are working in.
- Before traveling to the school, visit the district’s website and check the School Operational Status so you can get up-to-date information if something has changed regarding mitigation adjustments or onsite learning. This information is on the COVID-19 Hub under the KPBSD risk levels <https://covid19.kpbsd.org/dashboard>
- If you are a staff who travels across the water to schools, reach out to the school administrator first, then Jacynne Best in Planning & Operations (714-8821) to get the most up-to-date information on village travel as well as arrangements for a COVID-19 test before traveling, which is a current village requirement.

## **Planning and Operations- Apple Bus Drivers August 25, 2021**

### **Email sent to KPBSD School Administrators**

- Direction to our Drivers is: Drivers wear a mask at the schools while loading and unloading students. If the driver is walking up and down the aisle at the schools they need to have a mask on as well. Once the driver is in the driver’s seat and ready to drive they may remove the mask if it imposes a safety hazard such as fogged glasses or breathing issues that interfere with the safe operation of the bus. The front seats need to be empty ( 2 behind driver, 1 on the other side) Attendants and Monitors should have masks as they are in the passenger compartment with the students.
- CDC Guidelines as updated August 20, 2021:
- The following categories of people continue to be exempt from the requirement to wear a mask:
- A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.
- Masks are required by regulation and prevent close contacts on the bus (resulting in students missing school), as the student passes by the driver in seconds and is nowhere close to the 15 minute close contact time period to make a close contact. Unfortunately drivers in the Mat-Su have been identified as close contacts and the district is having to shut down routes, in contrast KPBSD provides a buffer zone (two empty seats behind the driver and one on the opposite side) to prevent the driver being identified as a close contact. Drivers may and are encouraged to wear a mask, if it does not impose a safety hazard such as fogged glasses or breathing issues that interfere with the safe operation of the bus.

## **Planning and Operations- Student Nutrition Services August 25, 2021**

### **Email sent to KPBSD School Administrators/SNS**

All Student Nutrition staff while in the presence of students, or in the kitchen area when distancing is not achievable to wear a mask. This is important while serving and cashiering especially when physical distancing cannot be maintained. All student workers should wear a mask while in the kitchen or in the presence of Student Nutrition staff.

**Student Support Email/Correspondence to IN Staff August 27, 2021-**

Due to the nature of the work performed in certain special education classrooms where close proximity to staff and students occur on a regular basis (e.g. IN classrooms, Sped Pre-K, etc.), any special education staff that is unable to maintain 6ft of social distancing to another person (another adult or student) to wear face coverings indoors while at work starting August 27, 2021.

KPBSD strongly ask all special education staff to wear face coverings at work while performing your work duties if you are not able to maintain 6 feet of physical distancing, as an additional layer of precaution