

January 3, 2022

Dear KISD Families,

We hope that you and your families have enjoyed a wonderful break. Classes in Kenedy ISD will resume, as planned, on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Kenedy ISD continues to closely monitor the rise in Omicron variant cases and cases in our local area. We are committed to being proactive in doing all we can to keep students and staff safe and to remind everyone of the steps they can take to help with this commitment. I met with my Executive Staff this morning and we discussed the following ways in which we can continue to offer quality instruction for our students in a safe manner.

We **strongly encourage** the use of face masks for all students, staff, and visitors while indoors at all District facilities.

If you or your child is symptomatic or ill, we recommend that they stay home and/or consult with your medical provider.

Individuals who have confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be asked to isolate/quarantine for a minimum of **5 days, then return to school and wear a mask until symptom-free**. We will continue to ask that individuals living in the same home as a COVID-positive individual also remain isolated for 5 days depending on vaccination status.

Individuals who are a close contact to a COVID-positive individual and do not have symptoms may resume at school/work, while **wearing a mask for 10 days if they have been vaccinated and have had their booster shot**. If the individual has not been vaccinated or boosted, they will need to **quarantine at home for 5 days, then return to school/work and wear a mask for 5 additional days**.

As a reminder, we offer free COVID-19 testing for all KISD students, staff and board members. [Appointments must be scheduled](#) by calling our District Nurse Kellie Kolodziej at 830- 583-4100 Ext. 1358 or emailing her at Kzidek@kenedyisd.com. Parents may also contact campus nurses to schedule an appointment. Nurse Sandy De La Garza can be reached at Ext. 1244 and Nurse Evelyn Salais at Ext. 1336

We ask that you strongly consider getting the COVID-19 vaccine for you and all eligible individuals in your home. Everyone ages 5 and up are now eligible for a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.



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In addition, District staff will continue to follow our cleaning and sanitizing protocols at all facilities and on all school buses.

We continue to be committed to providing the best learning environment for our children. Working together we can better ensure that our students and staff remain as safe as possible and minimize the loss of quality instruction and learning. Thank you for your continued support and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Diana Barrera Ugarte'.

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