

**Health and Safety Measures, Contact Tracing,
and Isolation Guidelines
Kraybill Mennonite School**

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Update: 2/28/21 Mask Expectations

Highlights of Kraybill Mennonite School Health and Safety Plan:

- Students and staff should immediately notify Kraybill Mennonite School of any COVID-19 related information (positive test results, presumed positive cases, close contacts to a positive case).
- The wearing of facial coverings is optional. However, wearing of facial coverings may be expected in specific classrooms or grade levels for a designated period of time based on community spread.

Health and Safety Measures being done at Kraybill Mennonite School:

- Students and staff staying home when sick and/or awaiting COVID-19 test results:
 - COVID-19 symptoms: fever above 100.4, cough/congestion, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, diarrhea, chills, muscle or body aches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell
- Physical distancing as much as possible. Seating is spaced as far apart as possible.
- Regular handwashing, using hand sanitizers, and covering mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing.
- Sanitizing student desks and tables at the end of each day or during frequent class changes.
- MERV13 filters have been installed for all of the heating and cooling systems.
 - This is the highest efficiency filter that normal systems can handle. These filters are capable of capturing 50% of particles sized between 0.3µm and 1.0µm. Standard MERV8 filters capture less than 10% of particles in this size range. All recirculated air in the rooms goes through these filters.
- Portable HEPA filtration systems were added to every classroom in April 2021.
 - HEPA filters capture 99.97% of 0.3µm particles. These systems provide between 1.5-2 air changes per hour of HEPA-filtered air. In some classrooms, we are now adding a second portable HEPA filtration system to double the air change rate.
- All of our classroom heating and cooling systems introduce outdoor air for ventilation and dilution of indoor contaminants.
- Contact tracing and staying at home measures will be followed.

Close Contact and COVID-positive Guidelines

Students, staff, and volunteers should immediately notify Kraybill Mennonite School of COVID-19 positive test results, presumed positive cases, or close contact with a positive case.

- According to the CDC, close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over 24 hours. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting from two days before they have any symptoms.
 - **An exception to Close Contact in the K-12 indoor classroom setting:** If both the infected student and the exposed student (close contact) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time, the exposed student would not be considered a close contact and would not need to be excluded from school.
- COVID-19 absences for students do NOT count towards sick days or student KMS attendance policies.
- Kraybill Mennonite School follows CDC guidelines to conduct contact tracing for possible COVID-19 exposures.

Below is a summary of the 12/27/21 CDC isolation guidelines:

- **Close contact of a Positive Case:** For all those exposed, the best practice is to test for COVID-19 on day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur, you should immediately stay at home until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19 (CDC).
 - **For people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted**
 - Stay home for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days.
 - Alternatively, if a 5-day stay home is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person wears an approved, well-fitted mask at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure (CDC).
 - **Individuals who have received their booster shot or received their vaccine within the above range**
 - Do not need to stay home following exposure, but should wear an approved, well-fitted mask for 10 days after the exposure (CDC).
- **Positive Case**
 - Stay home for 5 days.
 - If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can return to school.

- Continue to wear an approved, well-fitted mask around others for 5 additional days.
- *If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves without the use of fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school.*
- Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 3 months and recovered do not have to stay home or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.
- No medical note is needed to return to school.