

# KEYSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

---

District Office  
451 Huston Avenue  
Knox, PA 16232

Phone: 814-797-5921  
Fax: 814-797-2382



December 22, 2020

## RE: Return to In-Person Teaching & Learning

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Staff:

As of today, **Keystone School District will return to in-person teaching and learning on Monday, January 4, 2021.** In order for this to occur safely and effectively, all parents/guardians, students and staff must comply with the mitigation efforts that are currently in effect:

- All individuals **MUST** comply with the updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania DoH Requiring Universal Face Coverings.
  - Students—without documented exceptions—must now wear face coverings during athletic activities, which include physical education classes.
  - As a result of this Order, some face shields are no longer permitted by definition. The revised definition is as follows: ***"Alternative to a face covering"** may include a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth, extends below the chin and to the ears, and leaves no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece.*
  - Face coverings must be worn *properly* at all times (i.e. not below the nose and/or chin).
- Individuals over the age of 11 traveling into and returning to the Commonwealth from any location outside of the Commonwealth (including international locations) **MUST** produce evidence of a negative COVID-19 test or place themselves in travel quarantine for 10 days after entering the Commonwealth. The test must be from a specimen collected within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth or collected during the 10-day travel quarantine period. You **MUST** notify your building-level principal if you have travelled during the Winter Break and returned home after December 25, 2020.
- Do **NOT** send your child to school if they are experiencing symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, headache, sore throat, etc.). You must follow the Home Screening Tool. Students who arrive at school with symptoms will be sent home immediately.
- Do **NOT** send your child to school if they have been advised or Ordered to remain at home in isolation and/or quarantined as a result of a positive COVID-19 test or identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Failure to comply may result in the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

In order for in-person teaching and learning to remain a viable option for Keystone School District, all stakeholders must adhere to—and comply with—the mitigation efforts that have been spelled out in this communication. School districts must follow strict guidelines as they relate to identification of a case(s) of COVID-19. The school district may be forced to transition back to remote learning for a period of days or

weeks after cases are identified and public health staff provide consultation. With that said, we are committed to reopening for in-person learning as safely as possible. Our students need to return to in-person teaching and learning for a variety of reasons—academic services and supports; mental health services and supports; opportunities for socialization; nutritional and physical wellbeing; etc. Please do your part to help ensure we can remain in-person for our students for as long as possible.

Please ensure that all students return to school with their Chromebooks so they can utilize the devices for in-person learning when necessary in the classroom setting.

If our current plans would change for any reason, you will be contacted in advance of the January 4<sup>th</sup> return date. We look forward to seeing our students in the New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shawn A. Algoe".

Shawn Algoe, Superintendent