

Dear Kohler School District Families/Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! While this year may look different than any of us could imagine, our goal is to return safely and return together! We want to assure you that we are working closely with the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health to monitor and develop COVID-19 plans and guidelines for Kohler School District. We look forward to our ongoing partnership with you as we work together to create a safe learning environment.

We want to provide you with some information and share the steps we will need from you in this partnership to keep our schools safe and healthy.

Here is what we'll need you to do. The school district is taking steps to keep your child and the staff safe throughout the school year. However, daily tasks will need to be completed to ensure the health and safety of all! Please see below for the required steps you will need to take to send your child to school.

DAILY SCREENINGS

1. **Complete the [Student Symptom Prescreen Form](#)* before sending your child to school.** Review this screening daily with your student(s). This screening process is required to be completed by all staff and students prior to coming to school for the day. If you indicate yes to one of the symptoms listed on the form, you will need to keep your child home.
2. Please refer to this additional tool, [Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms](#) Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms provided by Sheboygan Public Health Department to help as a way to guide you if you are unsure of next steps for a child that is sick or has a potential exposure. Please check for updates on the district website or the Sheboygan Co. Public Health COVID-19 [website](#) often.
3. **If your child is sick, please keep them home and call the school secretary.** Please leave a detailed message regarding the reason for their absence and symptoms. Be Specific! It is very important for you to keep your student home when they are not feeling well. Also keep in mind, the traditional reasons to keep a child home sick, remain the same as in previous years. Please see [When to Keep My Child Home](#) for those clarifications. If you have any questions on whether your student should come to school, the best decision would be to keep them home and discuss your concerns with your child's medical provider.
4. **Call your child's medical provider for next steps.** If your child is experiencing COVID related symptoms, you will also likely receive a call from the school nurse, Nicole Johnsrud to discuss the school process for returning to school.

PLAN AHEAD

Be prepared to pick up your child in case your child becomes ill at school. Keep your contact information current at school so we can reach you as soon as possible. Identify who would be able to help pick up your child if you are not available during the school day and make sure to have this emergency contact's information updated with the office staff.

SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH A CLOTH FACE COVERING/MASK EVERY DAY

Cloth face coverings/masks are required at school and are especially important when students and staff are unable to keep distance from others. The Kohler School District will have opportunities for students to remove the masks for "breaks" when it is deemed safe. Each child should have at least one mask on and it would be helpful to have an extra mask in the student's backpack in case the other is soiled for any reason. **The gator masks that sit around the neck like a scarf and the vented facemasks do NOT** meet the criteria and will not qualify as a mask for the student to use in the school setting. Please refer to the [COVID Communications](#) on the Kohler School district website for further information on these masks.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact your school nurse, your child's medical provider or the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health for more information.

Thank you,

Nicole Johnsrud

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