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KEMPER ACADEMY
DEKALB, MISSISSIPPI

RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES (COVID-19)

GENERAL CLEANING

- All cleaning products and disinfectants will be EPA certified
- All bathrooms, door knobs, etc will be cleaned/wiped down three times per day by onsite staff
- Classrooms with multiple classes (Art/Music, Library, Junior High/High School) will be disinfected before a new class arrives
- Large gatherings/assemblies/pep rallies will take place on the football field whenever possible or socially distanced using both sets of bleachers in the gym
- **IN THE EVENT THAT A CHILD BECOMES SICK AT SCHOOL:**
 - The child will be quarantined in a designate exclusion space and a parent called for pickup
 - The remaining students will be removed from the classroom so that the classroom can be disinfected
 - IF A STUDENT HAS A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST:
 - The student must remain at home for 14 days
 - Parents of students affected (classroom, sports team) will receive an email communication with additional information
 - IF A STUDENT HAS A FEVER BUT DOES NOT HAVE A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST:
 - The student must be fever-free for 72 hours

MASKS (PPE)

- Students are responsible for having their own individual mask.
- Students and faculty/staff reserve the right to wear masks at all times at their discretion.
- Masks will enforced during “transitions” (class to lunchroom, class to class, etc).
- Reserve masks will be kept on hand by each homeroom teacher to be used as necessary.



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DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

- Temperature must be checked for each child prior to drop-off. Teachers will be assigned shifts to monitor temperature checks.
- If a child's forehead temperature is above 100*, he/she will be required to return home
- Carpool lines for pick-up and drop-off will be developed and communicated to all parents
- Parents will not be allowed in any other part of the building other than the school office.
- **DROP-OFF – 7:45am**
 - Elementary students will enter through the glass doors on the West side of the Elementary building ONLY
 - Junior High/ High School students will enter through the glass doors on the South side of the Junior High/High School building ONLY
 - There will be no drop-offs/entrance through the East side Elementary building
- **PICK-UP – NEW TIMES**
 - Pick-up locations will be the same as drop-off locations
 - 2:30 PreK through 2nd grade
 - 2:45 3rd through 6th grade
 - 3:00 7th through 12th grade

TRANSPORTATION

- No classes or groups will participate in any field trips
- Only essential sport and activity players and personnel will be transported on school buses/vans
- All students riding the Philadelphia or Macon van will have a temperature check before boarding the bus. Additionally, students must sanitize their hands and wear masks while en route.



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FOOD SERVICE

- Break and lunch will be staggered in order to minimize the number of students in line at one time
 - BREAK:
 - 8:50 Prekindergarten
 - 9:00 Kindergarten – 2nd grade
 - 9:20 3rd grade – 6th grade
 - 9:40 7th grade – 9th grade
 - 10:00 10th grade – 12th grade
 - LUNCH:
 - 11:20 Prekindergarten
 - 11:30 Kindergarten – 2nd grade
 - 11:50 3rd grade – 6th grade
 - 12:10 – 12:30 7th grade – 12th grade (overflow into Assembly Room)
- Students will have 15 minutes for break and 15 minutes for lunch.
- Tables will be continually disinfected as students return to their classrooms
- Water Bottles:
 - All Elementary students (optional for others) will be required to have a water bottle in their classroom throughout the day. This should be filled prior to coming to school.
 - Water fountains in ALL buildings will be closed

RECESS

- Students will be encouraged to be outside in fresh air. However, contact sports (football, etc) will not be allowed.
- No more than two classes can be on the playground at one time.
- Physical Education will also enforce social distancing.

ATHLETICS

- Kemper Academy athletics will follow the best practices as outlined by MAIS and MAIS Return to Play Guidelines published in July 2020.
- Prior to practice, athletes will be required to self-screen as well as have their temperature checked.
- Roll will be kept at each practice so that the appropriate parents are contacted in the event that an athlete test positive for COVID-19.
- Any athlete that test positive for COVID-19 MUST quarantine for 14 days.



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NOTICE OF RISK

We have taken enhanced health and safety measures for those who come to our campus—students, employees, and visitors. While on campus you must follow all posted instructions. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public space where people are present. COVID-19 is a contagious disease. If infected, you may exhibit no symptoms or mild symptoms, or become severely ill, or die. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and persons with underlying health conditions are especially vulnerable. By visiting our campus, you voluntarily assume all risks related to the possible exposure to COVID-19.

LIABILITY WAIVER

All families will be required to sign a liability waiver releasing Kemper Academy from fault and assuming all risk for the exposure to or spread of Covid-19. In addition, this document certifies that the parent is aware of Kemper Academy’s rules and regulations with regards to health and safety and agrees to abide by these requirements.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this return to school plan or any other documentation, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We will be happy to discuss our plans and procedures with you. In addition, a full Crisis Management Plan is on file in the school office for your information.