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KEMPER ACADEMY
DEKALB, MISSISSIPPI

RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES 2021-2022 (COVID-19, DELTA VARIANT)

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:
 - We ask that the parent follow the current recommended guidelines for returning to school as provided by the CDC.
 - 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)

- Masks are optional for all students, faculty and staff; please consider CDC recommendations for the use of masks, especially indoors.
- 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.
- 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

- Parents will not be allowed in any other part of the building other than the school office.
- **DROP-OFF – 7:45am**
 - ALL 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 any other doors
- **PICK-UP – 2:55 for Elementary/3:00 for High School**
 - Elementary students will be picked up in the car pool line coming into the parking lot by the West end of the gym
 - Please park in the High School parking lot to pick up your student from Junior High or High School

TRANSPORTATION

- Only essential sport and activity players and personnel will be transported on school buses/vans
- All students riding the Philadelphia, Macon, or School vans will have a health check before boarding the bus. Additionally, students will be asked to sanitize their hands before boarding the van.

FOOD SERVICE

- Break and lunch will be staggered in order to minimize the number of students in line at one time
 - BREAK (times are approximate):
 - 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 (times are approximate):
 - 11:20 Prekindergarten
 - 11:30 Kindergarten – 2nd grade
 - 11:50 3rd grade – 6th grade
 - 12:10 – 12:30 7th grade – 12th grade
- Tables will be continually disinfected as students return to their classrooms



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- 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 will be open for use and cleaned regularly.

ATHLETICS

- Kemper Academy athletics will follow the best practices as outlined by MAIS and MAIS Return to Play Guidelines as published.
- Prior to practice, athletes will be required to self-screen.

VACCINATIONS

Should a faculty, staff or student be fully vaccinated from Covid-19, you may provide a copy of the vaccination record to the office in order to be kept in the students permanent record or the faculty/staff personnel file.

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.