



KETCHIKAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Kayhi Staff and Families,

Today, we were notified that two members of the Ketchikan High School family have tested positive for COVID-19 over the last two days. Based on contact tracing conducted by Public Health and our District Nurses, as well as our ongoing mitigation efforts, we will NOT need to close the school in response to these cases. **We will be returning to 100% Capacity in-person learning on Monday, May 3, 2021. Activities and practices will resume on Monday, as previously scheduled.**

Monday, May 3, 2021

LEARNING PLAN

- **We will resume school at our 100% capacity “Low Risk” plan.**

We are working closely with Ketchikan Public Health and Ketchikan EOC to respond to this news and protect the health of our community by taking the following steps:

- All students and staff who have been in close contact with the person who tested positive will be contacted by Public Health or District staff. Any student or staff who is considered a close contact will need to comply with the guidance provided by Public Health.
- If you are not contacted by Public Health or the School District, indicating a need to quarantine, your child is free to return to school.

- According to the [Alaska Smart Start 2020 guidance](#), whether or not a school building or classroom needs to close for a 14-day quarantine will depend on how many students and staff are affected.
- The school community will be contacted through School Messenger if any further actions are needed.
- The school and any affected areas will be cleaned and sanitized before staff or students return.

COVID Safety

- We continue to encourage all parents to take their students' temperatures and monitor students closely for any signs of potential illness.
- Students should remain at home if they have any symptoms of COVID-19, including: fever (defined as temperature over 100.3F), new or persistent cough, new trouble breathing or shortness of breath, chills, night sweats, sore throat, body aches, muscle aches, joint pain, headache, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, confusion, and/or stomach issues (diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain).
- Check this [website](#) for information about local testing sites.

The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is by wearing a face mask, physical distancing, and practicing good health hygiene. Be sure to wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water, cover your coughs and sneezes, and avoid contact with people who have signs of illness. Get plenty of rest, exercise, and eat a healthy diet.

We will keep you updated with any new information as it comes out, while meeting the requirements to protect everyone's right to privacy.

More information can be found on these websites:

- [Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District](#)
- [Alaska Department of Education & Early Development Alaska Smart State 2020](#)
- [Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Back to School Health Information](#)

If you have further questions, please call the school district main line: 907-225-2118 or email me at: jason.house@k21schools.org

Sincerely,

Jason House, Principal