



# KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

As we near the much-anticipated re-opening of our school, I wanted to provide you with information about our daily health screening procedures. The Department of Health requires that schools have a policy for the daily screening of students and staff. To that end, I ask that you use the attached guidelines **every morning** to screen your child(ren) for symptoms that may be suggestive of Covid-19, **prior to sending them to school**. I would encourage you to post the guidelines in a prominent location as a daily reminder. In addition, for the first two weeks of school, you will receive an alert every morning reminding you of this important task.

In order to keep our school community as safe and healthy as possible, it is critical that you keep your child(ren) home if they show any signs of illness. Please also remember to contact the school's absentee reporting line at (908) 996-2941 (option 1) and specify the symptoms/reason for absence. The school nurse (option 2 or x512) can give you further information and instructions. The nurse should also be notified of any suspicion of Covid-19, close contact with a confirmed case, or any travel to an area of high community transmission. Following is the link to New Jersey travel advisory information: <https://covid19.nj.gov>  
<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>

Students who present with any signs of illness during the school day will be sent home, and may be referred to a healthcare provider for further evaluation and possible Covid-19 testing. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date and be prepared to pick up your child in a timely fashion, should the need arise.

In the event that we have a confirmed case of Covid-19 at KTS, we will initiate contact tracing and work in conjunction with the Hunterdon County Health Department to help identify close contacts. The New Jersey Department of Health states that, "Contact tracing is a strategy used to determine the source of an infection and how it is spreading. Finding people who are close contacts to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, and therefore at higher risk of becoming infected themselves, can help prevent further spread of the virus. *Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of someone with suspected or known COVID-19 for at least 10 consecutive minutes.*"

With guidance from the Hunterdon County Health Department and while maintaining confidentiality, we will notify parents and staff of a positive case in the school as well as any close contact exposure and exclusion requirements. A contact tracing team from the health department will then follow up with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or is identified as a close contact of a case.

**Prevention is key to keeping our school community safe and healthy.** Please review the importance of thorough handwashing with your child(ren). Hands should be washed regularly,



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with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Children will be expected to wear face coverings at school; please consider practicing their use at home prior to the start of the school year. Cloth face coverings should be washed after every day of use and/or before being used again, or if visibly soiled or damp/wet. Disposable face masks should be changed daily or when visibly soiled, damp or damaged. Students should bring an additional face covering to school in case a back-up is needed. Please note that bandanas, neck gaiters, and masks with exhalation valves have been identified as being ineffective at preventing the spread of Covid-19 and are not recommended for school.

The upcoming school year will certainly be like no other that we have experienced. If we all work together, I am confident that we can be successful. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns about our screening process.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. Marmorato RN".

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## COVID-19 Daily Screening for Students/Staff

**Parents/Guardians:** Please evaluate your child *every morning* and follow the directions below.  
**Staff:** Please complete a self-assessment and follow the same procedures.

### Section 1: Symptoms- Check Daily

Any of the following symptoms could indicate a COVID-19 infection and could risk spreading illness to others. Please note that this list does not include all possible symptoms, and children with COVID-19 may experience any, all or none of these symptoms.

#### Column A (If ANY, stay home)

#### Column B (If two, stay home)

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100F or above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Headache
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath	<input type="checkbox"/> Myalgia (muscle aches)
<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Rigors (shivers)
<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/> Chills
<input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste	<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue
<input type="checkbox"/> New loss of smell	

**If your child has any ONE of the symptoms in column A OR TWO OR MORE symptoms in column B, please keep your child at home and notify the school nurse\*\* and your child's doctor.**

### Section 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

Please note if:

<input type="checkbox"/> Your child has had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 10 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19.
<input type="checkbox"/> Someone in your household is diagnosed with COVID-19.
<input type="checkbox"/> Your child has traveled to an area of high community transmission.

If **ANY** of the fields in Section 2 apply, your child should remain home for 14 days from the last date of exposure (if the child is a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case) or from the date of return to New Jersey. **Contact your child's provider or the local health department for further guidance, and please notify the school nurse.**

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT:**

**Absentee reporting line: (908)996-2941 option 1**  
**School nurse: (908)996-2941 option 2 or x512**