



Kehoe-France Northshore

Opening Guidelines 2021-22

Introduction

Kehoe-France is committed to continuing to provide a high-quality, well-balanced program and making the best decisions regarding the opening of school. All students and staff will begin the school year on campus as scheduled.

The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount to ensure their well-being. In accordance with the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Department of Education and the CDC, we will be adhering to the following guidelines. Please keep in mind that this is a fluid situation and we will be monitoring it to maintain compliance.

Communication is key to building positive relationships between our community, our teachers, students, and parents. You will be informed of any changes relative to the guidelines and/or the health and safety of your child.



Health and Safety



- **Face Masks**

- Students

- Face masks are encouraged, but optional while indoors. If a face mask is worn, it must be school appropriate. No gators or bandanas are allowed.

- Faculty and Staff

- Face masks are encouraged, but optional when indoors for vaccinated faculty and staff.
 - Face masks must be worn indoors for unvaccinated faculty and staff.

- Parents

- While on campus, face masks are required indoors for all parents.

Transitions



- **Middle School and Enrichments:** Students will travel to different classrooms. Teachers will follow the outlined cleaning procedures between classes.
- **Lunch** will be served in the cafeteria for PreK-3 through 7th grade at designated lunch times. Students in Little Eagles through EC-2 will remain in their classrooms for their lunch period.
- **Recess:** Activities at recess will be commingled.
- **School Arrival** will begin at 7:00 AM for students attending before care and 7:40 AM for all other students.
- **School Dismissal** will begin at 2:45 PM for Early Childhood and Preschool and 3:05 PM for 1st through 7th grades.
- **After Care** will begin at 3:30 PM and end at 5:30 PM.

Large Gatherings and Extracurriculars

- **Field Trips:** Students in 1st-7th grade will be allowed to attend field trips. It is mandatory that all students, teachers, chaperones, etc. wear a face mask while on the school bus.
- **Club Meetings** will continue after school.
- **Chorus** will resume.
- **Assemblies and school events** will be modified as needed.
- **Outdoor Spaces** will be utilized for events and extra curricular activities.



Symptom Monitoring

Wellness Policy: Our current policy states that a child should not be brought to Kehoe-France if he/she shows signs of any illness (for example: fever, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, ear ache, stomach ache, evidence of childhood or other contagious diseases). If a child becomes ill while attending school, the student will be isolated until the parents/guardians pick up the child from Kehoe-France. In addition, students are to be non-medicated fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. If a student is absent for three consecutive days or longer, a doctor's release to return to school is required. **Due to COVID-19**, our current policies as well as the following will be strictly enforced:

- Students who have COVID-19 must inform the school, stay home and remain isolated until they have recovered and have been determined to no longer be infectious by their doctor with a negative test result, a copy of which must be provided to the school.
- Those who have come in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must inform the school and stay home. In order to return to school, he/she must wait 5 days from last close contact exposure to be tested and produce a negative result or stay home and monitor symptoms for 10 days. If no symptoms arise after those 10 days, he or she may return to school.
- **Vaccinated students are not required to quarantine as long as they are asymptomatic.**
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Close contacts are defined as those who are closer than 6 feet away for more than 15 minutes to a positive case.

Cleaning, Hygiene and Prevention

- **Environmental Cleaning and Personal Hygiene**

- **Healthy Personal Hygiene:**

- Students and teachers will have hand washing/sanitizing built into their schedules, including arrival, after toileting, before and after eating and before and after using playground/P.E. equipment.
- Drinking fountains will be open and cleaned throughout the day. Students in 5th-7th grade are allowed and encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school.

- **Cleaning and Disinfecting:**

- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day (for example, light switches, doors, benches, bathroom fixtures, student desks, tables and chairs).
- Any toys will be cleaned and sanitized daily or as needed.
- Naptime bedding will be sent home every week on Fridays to be cleaned and sanitized.
- Playground and athletic equipment will be cleaned daily as necessary.
- Cleaning protocols will be intensified and deep cleanings performed regularly or when necessary.



Screenings and Procedures

- **Health Screening for Staff and Students**

- Temperature screenings and symptom checks will be conducted as needed or may be modified.

- **Procedures for Students Who Become Sick**

- If, during the day, a student has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, or other signs of illness, the parent will be informed that their child must be picked up. The student will be isolated and monitored by a staff member while awaiting pick up. Please follow the wellness policy for guidelines on returning to school.
- If a student or staff member in your child's class tests positive for COVID-19, he or she will be required to stay home, and be cleared by a doctor with a negative test result to return to school.
- Kehoe-France will provide the option of on campus quarantining for the class affected.
 - The classroom will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
 - Students and teachers must wear a face mask.
 - The class will remain static.
 - The class will be monitored with temperature screenings and symptom checks throughout the day.
 - Synchronous learning will be available.



Physical Education and Athletics

- **Physical Education:**
 - Students in grades 1 - 7 will use the locker rooms to change into their P.E. attire. Students must bring the appropriate P.E. attire on their designated P.E. days. Students must arrive at school in full uniform.
- **Athletics:**
 - Participation in sports will resume and will be modified if needed.



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