



KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20

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Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already October and our school year is well underway! It has been wonderful to have 100% of our students fully engaged with in-person learning and there are many great things happening in our classrooms. Please enjoy learning more about what is going on across the district with our new issue of the district e-newsletter, [Keeneyville Connections](#). We are grateful to our students, parents, and staff for helping us to maintain a safe learning environment!

Please note the reminders and updates below as we want to make you aware of recently updated COVID-19 requirements:

- **Student Health Certification Cards** help us to know that your student is healthy each day when they enter our buildings. This is especially important as we continue to have a high COVID transmission level in our community. *We appreciate you continuing to assess your student's health and complete the questions on the card each day before you send your child to school.*
- **What Should I Do if My Child is Sick?** *Please do not send your child to school if s/he is not feeling well.* We ask that you please call your school office to report all student absences. Let us know if your child is sick and provide specific symptoms so that we can help to identify if it may be related to COVID. **Please review the [Absence Information Sheet](#) for important information and next steps.**
 - If your child has one or more of the [COVID-19 symptoms](#), your child must stay home and cannot attend school or extracurricular activities for 10 calendar days, unless your child receives a negative COVID-19 test and symptoms have resolved. Please note that other siblings may also need to stay home if you do not have the sick child tested within 24 hours of symptom onset. Your school nurse will follow-up with you to discuss next steps including remote instruction and when your child(ren) can return to school.
 - We strongly recommend getting your child tested for COVID-19, using one of the types of tests that are [currently accepted](#). Please note that due to updated guidelines, we can no longer accept rapid PCR, antigen, or over-the-counter (at home) tests. You must get a RT-PCR (molecular) or NAAT (viral) test for your child in order to return to school. For COVID-19 testing sites, click [here](#).
 - We can no longer rely exclusively on a doctor's note with an alternative diagnosis (i.e., strep) to allow your child to return to school, unless a pre-existing condition is causing the symptoms (i.e., allergies, asthma). Your child must also get a negative COVID-19 test result.
- **Important Health Requirements are due by October 15** for students in Grades 6, Kindergarten, new Pre-K, and any transfer/new students to the district, otherwise your child will be excluded from school. To learn more about what is required, including proof of physical and immunizations, click [here](#).
- **School Menus** are posted for October on the [Food Services](#) webpage. Free breakfast and lunch continue to be available for all students. Weekend/holiday meal packs are also available for pick-up on Fridays, 9-10:30am at Greenbrook School.

As a reminder, there will be no school on **Friday, October 8 (Institute Day)** or **Monday, October 11 (Holiday)**. We hope that you have a fun and safe long weekend with your family!

Sincerely,
Dr. Omar Castillo
Superintendent of Schools
Keeneyville ESD 20