

2021-22 FALL REOPENING PLAN

PREPARING FOR OUR RETURN TO SCHOOL



KINGSLEY
MONTESSORI
SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

ENGAGE THE MIND,
HANDS, AND HEART OF
EACH CHILD TO NURTURE
RESILIENT EXPLORERS,
CONFIDENT LEARNERS,
AND EMPATHETIC
CITIZENS.



FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Kingsley Friends,

As my wife, Sarah, and I prepare to be empty nesters with our daughter Elise heading to Amherst College and our son Sam heading back to The University of King's College in Nova Scotia, I am keenly aware of and grateful for the trust our families place in us. As we place our greatest treasures in the hands of their respective college communities, we recognize the great faith you are placing in us.

After such a successful year in 2020–21, I am looking forward to deepening our community partnership as we work together to engage the mind, hands, and heart of each child to nurture resilient explorers, confident learners, and empathetic citizens.

This year's COVID-19 safety plans are based on the latest guidance and recommendations from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Health, and the CDC. These protocols are carefully reviewed on a regular basis by our COVID-19 Response Team with the aim of advancing our community safely toward our goal of eventually returning to pre-pandemic learning conditions.

Because we are still in the midst of a global pandemic, we remain grateful for your flexibility and partnership as we adapt to an ever-evolving health landscape and mitigate the risks COVID may pose to in-person learning.

Take care,



Steve



OUR PLANNING PRIORITIES

HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR
STUDENTS, STAFF, AND
FAMILIES

DELIVERY OF A HIGH QUALITY
LEARNING EXPERIENCE
AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL
PROGRAMMING AND SUPPORT

MAINTAINING COMMUNITY
RELATIONSHIPS AND
WELLBEING

COVID PROTOCOLS



MASK POLICY

- Masks are required for all staff and students when indoors at Kingsley.
- Masks will be optional when outdoors.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING & HYGIENE

- 3 feet of physical distancing will be maintained between students in all classrooms and learning spaces.
- Handwashing stations remain in each classroom. Buildings are equipped with touchless hand sanitizer stations and soap dispensers.



CLEANING & AIR QUALITY

- Enhanced cleaning protocols from last year will remain in place.
- We continue to filter the air with high quality MERV 13 air filters, portable UV and HEPA air purifiers, and ionization purification.



COVID PROTOCOLS



MEDICAL TEAM

- There will continue to be a medical staff member in each building.



TESTING

- We will resume the weekly pooled testing we implemented last year.
- BinaxNow Rapid Antigen Testing will be used in conjunction with our weekly pooled tests. We will share more information in the coming weeks as we evaluate the role BinaxNow can play alongside our existing risk mitigation strategies.



LOGISTICS

- Our cohorting model has been adapted this year to return to our more traditional classrooms or groupings of students.
- Staggered arrival and dismissal will continue.





OPENING WEEK & LOOKING AHEAD



BACK TO SCHOOL TESTING

The testing plan for the first week of school includes on-campus testing for all staff and students on September 7. For those who are unable to attend on-campus testing due to the observance of Rosh Hashanah or other commitments, PCR testing from other medical facilities is accepted. More information on the testing day schedule as well as recommended off-campus testing sites will be shared in a communication next week.



MEDICAL INFORMATION

In lieu of a Daily Attestation, we have created a one-time attestation for families to fill out at the beginning of the school year. Information for signing this and submitting all relevant health forms on our Magnus Health Portal will be shared in a communication next week.

Kingsley is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our students and community as a whole. We will continue to evaluate the latest recommendations from DESE, DPH, and CDC and adapt our school protocols to fit the safety and needs of our community.

COMMUNITY AGREEMENT



Nurturing resilient explorers, confident learners, and empathetic citizens while maintaining the health of Kingsley staff and families requires a shared commitment to:

- Maintain the integrity of our student groups both on- and off-campus.
- Follow school guidance as it relates to COVID safety.
- Wear face masks (required indoors for staff and for students ages 2 and above).
- Practice hand hygiene, physical distancing, and recommended isolation measures.
- Adhere to the directives of federal, state, and local government health departments.

These practices will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the well-being of all. They align with our shared values and reflect the Montessori principles of respect for self, respect for others, and respect for our learning environment.

COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM & SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

COVID-19 Response Team

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School Leadership

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