

KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL: Response to Covid-19 for 2021-2022 School Year

The following response to COVID is in conjunction with Palliser School Division's response to COVID-19 for the 2021-2022 school year. We will share the Palliser School Division document as soon as it is finalized for publication.

Illness in School

Our best defense in maintaining a healthy school is keeping sickness out. Students and staff are asked to stay home if they feel sick. AHS asks schools to closely monitor airborne illnesses within the building and may ask us to put more stringent COVID protocols in place if there is a high incidence of illness. The school will continue to monitor illnesses within the building for this reason. Sick students or staff will be asked to go home until they feel healthy. People are encouraged to seek medical advice in such cases.

Masks

In accordance with the directive of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of Education, masks are no longer REQUIRED to be worn in all situations in Alberta schools.

At this time Kate Andrews High School students and staff are not required to wear masks but are supported and encouraged to do so, especially in times/areas where it is difficult to maintain distance from others.

Large Group Gatherings and Advisory Classes

- Indoor large group gatherings such as school-wide assemblies are currently prohibited.
- Advisory classes will not occur in Semester 1. This is to reduce the mixing of students across grade levels.

Sanitization

- Sanitization upon entering the building will continue. We will maintain our hand sanitizing stations at all entrances to the building.
- Hand sanitizer and soap (where there is a sink) will be provided in classrooms. As students enter the school and enter any classroom they will be asked to sanitize their hands and we will be encouraging frequent handwashing throughout the day.

Extracurricular activities

We are resuming all school team sports and extracurricular activities. However, if travelling on a bus for sports or field trips, students will be required to wear a mask while on the bus, as per AHS guidelines. Expect to see information forms, volunteer information and permission forms coming home soon.

Access to the School

- Public access to the school will be restricted to by appointment only
- If you wish to see an administrator or teacher, an appointment is required.

Class to Class Transition Times

- Students are encouraged to wear masks in the hallways between classes.
- This will be re-evaluated as we receive additional guidance from provincial and divisional officials.

On-Line Classes

- Kate Andrews High School remains in-person learning only. In the case that it is mandated by the Government of Alberta or Alberta Education that students temporarily move to At-Home-Learning, KAHS will abide by these guidelines. Students who are required to be out of the classroom for a period of time due to illness/isolation etc. are expected to maintain contact with their teachers to develop a plan to stay caught up/catch up on their class work.
- Students who wish to register exclusively for on-line classes through The Palliser School Division should contact Jason Kupery (jason.kupery@pallisersd.ab.ca). Students who take online classes through PBB may switch back to KAHS for in-person classes **ONLY at the beginning of the next semester.** (Meaning that students are not permitted to switch back and forth during the semester. They must make a choice each semester if they will be taking a class via in person or on-line.)