



*September 6, 2020*

The first day of school is almost here! Throughout the uncertainty of this spring and summer, our staff and school communities have worked tirelessly to prepare to welcome students back to learning.

A few reminders as we begin the new school year:

- The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, September 8.
  - Students in **preschool through grade 5** will attend five days per week in person.
  - Students in **grades 6-12** will attend two days per week, learning virtually three days. See the full calendars for [sixth grade](#), [middle school](#), and [high school](#).
  - Students learning **virtually via Canvas** should log in on Tuesday morning for further instructions.
  - Students learning via the **SchoolsPLP** platform should begin lessons on Tuesday.
- All students and staff are required to wear masks. Please send your student to school already wearing their mask. It may also be helpful to bring an additional mask each day as a back-up. Teachers and staff will provide additional support to students as they adjust to this new procedure.
- Free meals will continue to be provided to all students. Meal pick up is available at our four high schools. [See more details here](#).
- Bus information is available in the Transportation tab of the [Parent Portal](#).

Help us celebrate this unusual first day by sharing your photos on social media! Please remember to be mindful of other families' privacy, especially in virtual learning environments. When in doubt, focus on sharing a photo of just your student. Add #NKC1stDay to your posts and tag us at @NKCSchools to celebrate your first day of school moments.

As we continue to take additional measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 in our schools, we know the possibility of positive cases still exists. We will continue to share information with our families and community to the extent possible in accordance with health department guidelines and privacy laws. This year, more than ever, the health and well-being of our school communities is the responsibility of all. **Parents and guardians should notify their school as soon as possible if their student is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, seeking a diagnosis, or receives a positive test result.**

In the event of a positive COVID-19 case in our schools, our [NKC Schools COVID-19 Protocols](#) will be followed:

- Any individual who tests positive will be contacted by the health department and NKC Schools staff to begin contact tracing.

- Close contacts will be asked to stay home for a 14-day period and monitor for symptoms, according to our COVID-19 protocols. Any students asked to stay home will continue their learning virtually.
- All families of students attending the same school will be notified of a positive case.
- All staff at the same school will be notified of a positive case.

We will continue to provide updates directly to families throughout this time as well as on our website at [nkcschools.org/coronavirus](https://nkcschools.org/coronavirus). Enjoy the rest of the holiday weekend, and we look forward to kicking off another great year on Tuesday!