

FAQ - Return to School

Dear Sierra Families,

Thank you for reviewing the email sent Monday from Kyrene regarding the [Safe Return to School Update](#) and the preparations for a rolling return of students. Below are some answers to frequently asked questions. If you have any additional questions, please contact the front office at 480-541-5200.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gibson
Principal



When do I need to decide if I would like my child to return to In-Person Learning or remain in the Flex Distance learning model?

- Families have until Monday, September 7, to change their current selection in [ParentVUE](#). The next County release of weekly public health benchmarks is today.
- We hope this will help support your family in your decision making.

I would like my child to finish 1st Quarter in Flex, then move to In-Person for 2nd Quarter. Is this an option?

- No. Families currently placed in Flex Distance Learning have the option to remain in Flex through Quarter 2, which ends December 17, or to switch to In-Person Learning, beginning in September. In December, families will be asked to confirm or change their selection for Quarter 3.

Will my child's teacher change if I switch from Flex Distance Learning to In-Person?

- We are working to minimize the impact of potential teacher changes on our students during this transition. Sierra will be examining student rosters and staffing to determine what, if any changes, may be necessary. You will be notified by September 15th for Grades K-2 and September 22nd for Grades 3-5. This information will be available in ParentVUE.

If I choose to send my child back In-Person in September, what safety measures will Sierra take to mitigate the exposure to COVID-19?

- The [Kyrene Safety Measures page](#) thoroughly reviews the actions Sierra is taking to protect our students and staff. Click on the blue links to read about face coverings, hand washing, health screenings, containment/cohorts, bus safety, cleaning & disinfection, playground protocols, shared belongings, social and physical distancing, employee training, ventilation systems, and volunteers/visitors.

If my child returns to In-Person Learning in September, what happens if my child visits the health office?

- If a student becomes sick during the school day they will be sent to the Health Office and if exhibiting *any* of the symptoms consistent with COVID-19, will be *isolated* and *sent home immediately*. Symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, sore throat, headache, body/muscle aches, new loss of taste/smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. Surfaces in the classroom will be cleaned and disinfected. There is guidance on this [flow chart](#) to determine when a student can return to school.

If my child is returning In-Person in September when we will receive detailed instructions about arrival and dismissal procedures, safety requirements, and lunch information?

- Sierra will send out detailed Return to School procedures via our website, School Messenger, and teacher e-mails prior to K-2 student return on September 17, 2020 and 3-5 students returning on September 24, 2020.