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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Kern High School District (KHSD) Board Of Trustees approved a phased reopening plan for students to return to campus in small cohorts. Phase 1 began on October 28th with the return of moderate/severe special education students. We will be welcoming back mild/moderate special education students for Phase 2, which is set to begin the week of November 9th.

We are excited to have the opportunity to work with students on campus again and are pleased that you've indicated that you are interested in having your student participate in this second phase.

The cohort model was developed using guidelines from the California Department of Public Health. The purpose of the KHSD small cohorts is to provide participating students with one or more of the following:

- 1) Limited Direct Instruction (case carriers will help answer some questions but won't be teaching lessons)
- 2) Targeted Support (Students will have access to additional services in their IEP)
- 3) Distance Learning Support (help with technical issues and staying motivated to complete assignments)

It's important to note that the cohort model will look different than the traditional high school experience. For starters, parents/guardians are asked to help pre-screen their students for Covid-19 symptoms and/or fever prior to coming to school. Upon arrival at school, students will be expected to wear masks while in attendance and adhere to social distancing guidelines. All students will also be [screened](#) before being granted entry onto campus.

Once on campus, students will be expected to stay with their cohorts (both students and staff) for the remainder of their time on campus. This means that students will be in the same classroom for the duration of the day and not travel to other classes. Students will be expected to log in and participate in their regularly scheduled classes via zoom and canvas for the day. Their case carrier and an instructional aide will be available to assist students with school or technology questions.



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Please look at the FAQs below to better understand the features of the KHSD small cohort model and Centennial's plan for implementation.

Does my child have to participate in the cohort if they are part of a qualifying group?

No. Parents have the option to have their students remain in a distance learning setting.

Does my child have to wear a mask the whole time they are on campus?

Yes. Masks are required to be worn by both students and staff.

How do I screen my child before they leave for school?

Use this link for the screening questions: [Screening](#)

Will students have their temperatures checked each day before being allowed on campus?

Yes. Students with temperatures 100.4 and above will not be allowed on campus.

How do I know which cohort my student is in?

Students, with a few exceptions, will participate in cohorts with their case carriers.

How many people are in a cohort?

Cohort sizes may vary, but they are not to exceed 16 individuals (staff and students).

Do the cohorts meet in-person every day?

No. Case Carriers will meet with their cohorts on either "Red" days or "Gold" Days (refer to the daily schedule posted on our website to know the current color coded day).

Case Carrier Meeting Days:

Red Days (periods 1-3)

- Durham
- Eldridge
- Redstone

Gold Days (periods 4/5-6,7)

- Hicks
- Martinez
- Russell (Preston - substitute)
- Stoner



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What safety measures have been implemented at the campus to help prevent the spread of Covid-19?

Centennial High School, in consultation with District, County and State guidelines has implemented Covid-19 safety measures across the campus. Both students and staff will be screened, including temperature checks, daily prior to admittance onto the campus. All staff members have undergone Covid Safety training. District custodians sanitize/disinfect restrooms each hour, as well as follow district Covid Safety protocols in their nightly cleaning of classrooms. Staff will wipe down frequently touched surfaces throughout the day. Additionally, our HVAC filters have been upgraded. Social distancing guidelines will be practiced both in and out of the classroom. Masks will be required for all students and staff. More details regarding our [COVID-19 site safety procedures here](#):

Will my student be able to meet in person with all of their teachers during the day?

No. Students will be assigned to a cohort with a single teacher and at least one instructional aide. Students in the cohort will remain with that teacher as long as the cohort model is in effect. The teacher will help students with their classes and provide limited direct instruction; but in most cases, won't be teaching lessons or grading assignments.

What would be the advantage of having my child participate in a cohort if they won't be directly taught in person by the teachers on their schedule?

The cohorts will provide support and structure for students who are struggling to adjust to the dynamics of distance learning. Some students struggle to stay motivated when surrounded by the distractions of being home, while others get frustrated with connectivity and technology issues. The cohort model will provide an opportunity for students to get support from staff members in an on-campus supervised setting. Additionally, students will have access to on campus resources, such as counseling, mental health, and special education support providers.

What would a normal day look like?

Students will arrive at campus and have their temperature checked and be asked screening questions. Once on campus, campus staff will direct students to their designated classroom where they will be assigned to a desk that is placed 6 feet away from the nearest student. Students will then log into their first class of the morning to participate in the daily activities of the class they are enrolled in. Staff members will be available to assist students with academic and technical issues as needed. Staff members will also be following up on students' overall progress, reminding students of upcoming due dates and missing assignments, and providing assistance by helping students complete their work.



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Will my student be afforded a break during the day?

In order to insure that students are logged into their classes, we will follow the current distance learning block schedule while students are on campus. That means students will be expected to be logged in and working on class assignments for the (3) 90 minute blocks each day between 8am and 1pm. Students will be allowed to take standing breaks at their desks, as well as have a 15 minute outside stretching break (other IEP accommodations may apply).

Will meals be served?

A grab and go breakfast will be served at the entry points to the campus. A snack will be included in the bag with their breakfast. A grab and go lunch will also be placed at the exit each day for students to take with them.

What about transportation?

The district provides bus transportation for students that live 2 or more miles away from the school. The transportation department has put out the following information:

Bus Routes: *Bus routes with community stop locations and times will be posted by Friday, November 6 at www.kernhigh.org under the RESOURCES menu.*

Health and Safety Protocols: *Students should practice physical distancing and wear face coverings while waiting for the bus. The bus driver and students are required to wear face coverings. The bus will have limited capacity to allow for physical distancing. Windows will be left open, weather permitting. The driver will disinfect the bus after each run.*

***Health Screening*:** *Students should conduct a daily [health screening](#) at home and stay home if sick or if anyone in their household is suspected or confirmed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days. Prior to boarding the bus, the students will undergo a health screening including a temperature check. If a student has a fever of 100.4 or greater, parent/guardian will be notified and the student will not be allowed to take the bus.*

Where do I drop off and pick up my student?

Students need to be dropped off on the west side of the campus via the student parking lot. Each cohort will have a designated gate and check-in station. Students will exit through the same gates. Please be aware that busses will also be loading and unloading in the parking lot.



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Is the district providing transportation to the career technical education centers for students that are enrolled in those programs?

Yes. The district will pick up CTE students from Centennial at approximately 10:40am to transport them to the ROC/CTEC centers. Students will depart from the ROC/CTEC at approximately 1pm. Students returning from the ROC/CTEC via bus after 1pm will not be transported home via district transportation. Parent and student will need to make other arrangements for home transportation on those days.

Do I need to call the school if my student won't be in attendance on a day when their cohort is meeting?

Yes. Their case carrier will be taking attendance each day parents/guardians will need to call and excuse their student's absence. The attendance line is (661)588-1442 or 588-1443.

Does my student need to bring their chromebook back to school with them on cohort days?

No. Students will be assigned individual chromebooks for use in class. They should keep their personal devices and/or school provided chromebooks at home to use for distance learning.



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