



Dear Khalsa Community,

Our first positive case of COVID-19 has been confirmed. This staff person was exposed to a potential source of infection outside of the school environment. This person had limited exposure time in the classroom with students and worked a partial day monitoring student activity in the classroom and outside. They have not been in school for the last 8 days. The Maricopa County Public Health Department was promptly notified when the positive result was shared, and they have not provided any guidance. They are waiting on confirmation from the facility of the positive test result from last Friday.

The school does not want to wait any longer before informing you and sharing our plan. All students and staff from the affected classroom will be tested tomorrow on the primary campus. Any family who chooses not to test on campus, must quarantine for 14 days or be tested and a copy of the test results shared with the school.

The decision to test potentially exposed students and staff is to assure that we have identified all possible contagious students and staff. The longer the time between exposure and action, the less effective any mitigation strategy directly related to this event becomes. We will continue to follow the practices outlined in our KMS Fall Operating Plan: wearing masks by all staff and appropriately aged students, washing hands or using hand sanitizer, regular cleaning of all spaces and materials used, and healthy distancing among students and staff. These practices are our best bulwark against the spread of the virus. For any student or staff member to stay home when not feeling well is important, too.

Finally, the choices that each of us makes, whether at school or home, determines our personal safety as well as that of each other. This experience is a reminder that what we do does matter, and we can make a difference in our families, school, and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Paxton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Karen Paxton