



KMS Community Update 5-21-21

Dear Khalsa Community,

There have been many changes announced regarding COVID protocols. Yesterday, on the Maricopa County Public Health Department's final webinar for schools, they affirmed that the CDC has recommended that all schools continue to follow their current school year guidelines. Khalsa will continue to implement the KMS Spring Operating Plan.

On Wednesday, May 26, at 6 pm I will host a [KMS Summer Program Town Hall](#). Please join me to review the KMS Summer Operating Plan. There will be time for questions about the summer program at the end

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines for children ages 12-15 years old have been approved and are available in retail pharmacies and other sites. MCPHD will have School PODs organized before the start of next school year to provide vaccines to eligible students. Pfizer-BioNTech has stated the vaccine for children, ages 2-11 years old may be approved in September 2021.

This is good news for our student population. The availability of vaccines for younger children will lessen the transmission of COVID among children as it has done for adults. MCPHD will have updated guidelines published in July for the next school year. Our KMS 2021-22 Fall Operating Plan will be available before the start of school. Our first priority is always the safety of students and faculty.

Sincerely,

Karen Paxton