



The Promise 2021

Dear Khalsa Families,

The beginning of a new school year approaches and there are new challenges this year. Common sense solutions and practical adjustments to the changing landscape of the pandemic are needed. As members of the special Khalsa School community, we have an obligation to each other to mitigate the risks of the spread of COVID-19 and its variants to the best of our abilities.

Our first priority is maintaining a healthy school community. To this end, we are asking families to make a good-faith commitment to the following safe practices:

- Avoid large gatherings – particularly gatherings where you do not know the vaccination status of the majority of those around you and are unaware of their possibility of exposure including and not limited to parties, sporting events, concerts etc.
- Continue observing all CDC guidelines when in the larger community, such as mask wearing, physical distancing, and hand washing.
- Get your children vaccinated when available for their age group.
- Do not bring your children to school if they have had fever or other symptoms. Inform school staff of symptoms, and do not bring children back to school until they are fever-free without the use of fever reducing medications for 24 hours.
- Report any known COVID-19 exposure of your children to school staff.
- Follow MCDPH COVID-19 quarantine or isolation guidance.
- Assist the school with contact tracing when an exposure has occurred.

In return, our staff commits to the same safe practices listed above, as well as cleaning of materials and classrooms. I have requested that every staff member be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Over 90% of us are fully vaccinated.

Our goal is to open with logical and realistic expectations while continuing to be a part of the larger, cultural solution. What makes Khalsa a special place is our true community of families, students, and staff. This community is built on mutual trust, communication, and respect. And in making this commitment to one another, we are all working diligently to keep each other healthy – the ultimate goal!