

KSDS COVID-19 Medical Exemption Policy

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The CDC considers the following to be the only contraindication to vaccination with COVID-19: “Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a component of the COVID-19 vaccine. Immediate allergic reaction of any severity to a previous dose or known (diagnosed) allergy to a component of the COVID-19 vaccine.”

Therefore, the school will consider a medical exemption according to the following:

- A letter from both the child’s pediatrician AND allergist documenting the supporting medical evidence for the allergy as specified above.
- Details, such as the start date and duration for the allergies, as well as any prior treatment, including diagnostic or laboratory test results must be included.
- The pediatrician must be an M.D. or D.O. licensed to practice in the State of Maryland.
- The letter must be on the letterhead of the medical practice with an original signature.

Please PDF all documents and email them to nurses@ksds.edu.

The deadline to apply for a medical exemption is Friday, November 19, 2021.

Applications will be reviewed, in the strictest of confidence, and follow up from the school will be made in-writing within 15 days.

In the event the school grants a medical exemption from vaccination, the unvaccinated student will be required to observe the following restrictions:

- Remain masked at all times when indoors, including after mask mandates are lifted for vaccinated students.
- Obtain a PCR test weekly every Friday and provide the results to the school prior to return to campus the following Monday morning. Please note that the school does not have access to PCR tests, and it is the responsibility of the parents to obtain PCR testing.
- Quarantine for a minimum of 10 days following exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. A negative PCR test is also required to return to school. This test must be obtained after a minimum of 5 days in quarantine.

The Medical Exemption Policy applies solely to the COVID-19 vaccine and not to the flu shot (which is required of all KSDS students by December 5, 2021).