Resources:

KSC Mask Information

FDA Food and Drug Administration

CDC – Center for Disease Control

CDC-NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: Approved “Respirators”
https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp_part/n95list1.html

Newsweek
TECH & SCIENCE
The Best N95 and KN95 Masks for Sale That Are FDA and CDC Authorized
BY JOSH SMITH ON 12/2/20 AT 8:00 AM EST
https://www.newsweek.com/best-n95-kn95-masks-sale-that-are-fda-cdc-approved-1551545

Campus Ventilation work
Time: Feb 26, 2021 02:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://keene.zoom.us/j/83815986009?pwd=dE9JcmsyUzY4aEJsTU50UDFKRUVIZz09
Ralph Stuart, Director, KSC, Env. Health and Safety, is presenting what his ventilation study is showing

Can department chairs place orders with Ralph Stuart for all faculty and staff? The answers have been varied in this inquiry this week.

Department chairs can order for their team directly with Ralph.

Are the masks that were handed out in the fall 3 layers? If a student adds a nose piece does it meet the guideline or is the cloth option specified in communications specifically a 3-layer woven mask that is well fitted?

The masks distributed in the fall are two layers

Wayne you said that everyone has a surgical mask but don’t they have what is called comfort masks? Very different than surgical masks, which must be ordered specially, right? They both are light blue but the surgical masks are much more protective.

The masks distributed at testing this week (with extras delivered to faculty) are surgical masks, ordered specifically for this purpose. They will continue to be distributed every week at Thursday/Friday testing.

Are there different colored wristbands associated with the double testing?

There are not. Students will continue to receive a new wristband once a week during Thursday/Friday testing.

Students have expressed concern about folks in quarantine staying in shared living spaces. Is this accurate or rumors? I didn’t know how to reassure them or relay accurate policy information.
Whole houses will now be quarantined.

**How long can you wear an KN95 mask before it’s no longer effective?**

It depends on what you are doing while wearing the mask. Some wear then a week, some wear a different mask every three days. Rest masks for two days after wearing.

**Do graduate students also need to do the twice weekly testing?**

Yes, all students are included.

**We have had students go into quarantine (as a close contact) but they are unsure of the procedure for returning to campus. Can you clarify that process for return to campus so that we can pass that along?**

Students are contacted by the RRT about entering Q or I. They will also be contacted by the RRT on day 13 of their Q&I. Wristbands are available at the Dean of Students Office and at Campus Safety.

**Are the 3-ply or disposable masks available from Ralph at http://kscehs.kscopen.org/ the same as surgical masks?**

They were ordered specifically as surgical masks.

**How are we handling the 4% who are not compliant with the testing requirements?**

They are processing through the campus conduct process.

**Is it safe to assume that, if off-campus students are the ones being tested positive and quarantined at a higher rate, that upper class students are the ones who are going to need to be accommodated in the classroom? And that those of us who primarily teach upper level courses will see large percentages of our students unable to attend in person? (Important for planning)**

At this point, only about 8% of off campus students are in either Q or I. That number is expected to rise, but may not affect certain classes.

**Is there still a national shortage of N95 and KN95 masks, or can we feel confident that by ordering them we are not preventing more vulnerable populations from obtaining them?**

We are not ordering or requiring an N95 masks. We are ordering and distributing surgical masks.

**Will the new testing days/times be added to the Spring semester page so staff have the information to refer to for student questions? Currently only the Thursday/Friday testing schedule is posted there.**

It's posted here: [https://www.keene.edu/featured/spring21/schedule/](https://www.keene.edu/featured/spring21/schedule/)

It's at the top under KSC Student COVID Testing Schedule.

**Is it possible that KSC's hiring practices are also in need of review? We don't seem to attract diverse candidates, or if we do they don't make it to the final round. Perhaps my perception is incorrect.**

I charged HR in 2019 to look at our hiring practices and increase recruitment of diverse candidate. We have had delays due to COVID. Recommendations are forthcoming. The entire Monadnock region is struggling with this. This is a Regional issue as well. KSC can be a leader and a catalyst.

**If a student is sent home because of a COVID practice violation, how will the instructors be notified? Will it look differently than the Q&I students?**

Same as Q&I process.