

# A SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL 2021-22

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Dear HJT1 Parents and Guardians,

The School District of Hartford Jt. 1 is excited to welcome students back to school. The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. As you prepare for your child's first day back to school, please be aware of the policies and procedures related to COVID-19 listed below. District administration is closely monitoring the presence of COVID-19 and any variants within the community and the District. Should transmission rates increase or decrease within our schools and/or public health orders change, we may adjust the procedures below as needed and we will communicate with you throughout the process.

## 2021-22 INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS



IN PERSON, FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION

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ASYNCHRONOUS VIRTUAL (SELF-PACED)

All students in grades preK through 8 will be enrolled in in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year. The District will continue to offer the K-8 asynchronous virtual option for families who wish to remain virtual for the school year. Staff will not be live streaming to individual students at home if they are quarantined or excluded from school due to illness. Staff may make lessons and activities available for students to complete at home. *(This is a fluid situation and could change.)*

## 2021-22 BUILDING & CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

### DROP OFF & ENTRY

**School buildings are open to essential visitors only.**

Families will follow drop-off and entry procedures communicated by the building principal.

Unlike the 2020-21 school year, students will not be grouped in cohorts and may not enter the building early.

Students eating breakfast may enter the cafeteria prior to the bell. Please check the **Parent/Student Handbook** (page 3) for school breakfast times.

### PICK UP / DISMISSAL

Families will follow pick-up and dismissal procedures as communicated by their building principal.

### CAFETERIA USE

**Breakfast and lunch will be served in the cafeteria.** Unlike last year, students will not be in cohorts during breakfast and lunch. Cleaning and sanitizing will occur between each group of students.

Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick up for families enrolled in the asynchronous virtual program. **See the District website for procedures.**

### FACE COVERINGS

**Face coverings are recommended**, but not required, for all individuals while on the School District of Hartford Jt 1 property. Social distancing strategies will be utilized when possible.

### BUSING

The use of face coverings on buses is currently a **federal requirement** and the bus company and the District will comply with laws, regulations, statutes and orders. If the federal mandate is removed, the expectations on buses will be aligned with those in place for indoor environments at school.

### ILLNESS & QUARANTINE

**If a student is feeling ill**, classroom staff will take individual temperatures prior to sending the student to the office.

**Quarantine:** Students and staff will not be quarantined based on close contact at school as long as they stay asymptomatic. The District will notify families if an individual within their classroom has tested positive. Should this happen, parents should monitor their child for developing symptoms. If there is a close contact within a student's household, quarantine of the individual will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

### APPLIED FINE ARTS

**Students will travel to and from** Applied Fine Arts classrooms (gym, music, art, library, etc.).

### CLEANING & DISINFECTING

**Classrooms will be disinfected and cleaned daily** and equipped with additional cleaning supplies to be used throughout the day, and between classes with different groups of students.

Students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands and sanitize frequently.

Janitorial staff will continue enhanced cleaning and disinfecting in common areas, including the restrooms and cafeterias.

**Trifolds and plexiglass barriers** will be available for individual students and staff upon request.

**Water fountains** have been turned on and will be available for use.

### COMMUNICATION

**Please check your email for important updates and announcements from your school and the District. Information will also be posted on the District's "COVID-19" page. [www.hjt1.org](http://www.hjt1.org)**