



A NEW WAY FORWARD

Next Steps

Jefferson County Board of Education
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Governor's K-12 Return to School Guidance

July 26, 2021

MASKING REQUIRED FOR ALL UNVACCINATED STUDENTS AND ADULTS WHEN IN CLASSROOMS AND OTHER INDOOR SETTINGS

MASKING REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 12 IN CLASSROOMS AND INDOOR CLASSROOM SETTINGS

UNIVERSAL MASKING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO OPTIMIZE SAFETY AND MINIMIZE RISK OF EDUCATIONAL AND ATHLETIC DISRUPTION

Guiding Principles

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We commit to doing everything possible to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and community. Every decision we make will be in accordance with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Kentucky Department for Public Health, Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness (LMDPHW), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for reopening schools.



HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTION

We commit to providing our students with high-quality instruction across all platforms in order to ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn and grow.



FLEXIBILITY

We commit to remaining flexible in these highly uncertain times. We will be ready to adapt to new public health circumstances in accordance with expert guidance in order to safeguard our students, staff, and community.



Guiding Principles



EQUITY

We commit to fostering an environment that supports the physical, emotional and social health of our students, with a focus on removing barriers and building a system that equips all students with the tools to be successful.



ACCURATE AND TIMELY COMMUNICATION

We commit to ensuring that students, employees, and families have the information they need to remain safe, and we will keep all stakeholders up to date with important information throughout the school year.



COMMUNITY TRUST

We commit to building community trust through our actions. Every decision will be made with all stakeholders in mind and will be guided by students, employees, families, and experts.

1. Vaccination

Provide information about access to the COVID-19 vaccine to staff, eligible students, and families by:

- Encouraging those in the JCPS community to get additional information about the vaccine from medical professionals.
- Hosting vaccination clinics at schools.
- Working with local partners to offer vaccinations to eligible students, staff, and family members during summer events.
- Providing information to families and staff about vaccinations and the availability in the community.

2. Masks

- **Masks required for all vaccinated and unvaccinated students, staff, and visitors while inside JCPS property.**
- Masks are required on school buses.
- Students and staff are not required to wear masks outdoors.
- Drivers do not have to wear a mask if they are alone on the bus.
- Mask waivers are still available for adults and students who qualify.

3. Physical Distancing

Physical distancing of at least 3 feet is recommended between **students** to the greatest extent practicable.

Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between **adults/adults** and **adults/students** to the greatest extent practicable:

- Utilize assigned seating & keep bus rosters
- Remove non-essential furniture (to the extent practicable)
- Utilize pods and cohorts when possible
- Desks facing in the same direction in classrooms
- Maximize distance between unvaccinated people when eating.

4. Screening testing

- Screening testing will be available to students and staff with informed consent.
- Partner with company(ies) on state-approved list who will provide diagnostic screening.
- Screening testing will be available for students participating in athletics and other elevated-risk activities.
- Permission slip will be available as an online form.

5. Ventilation

Continue to improve facility ventilation to the greatest extent possible to increase circulation of outdoor air and increase delivery of clean air. Utilize outdoor spaces, where possible.

6. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds or use of hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. Ensure adequate supplies and opportunities for hand hygiene. Show handwashing video.

7. Isolation

- Inform sick students, teachers, or staff that they are to stay home if they are having fever and/or symptoms of COVID-19.
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID is instructed to stay home.
- Those with COVID should be tested by a healthcare provider or the nurse assigned to the school with parent/guardian consent.

8. Quarantine and contact tracing

Schools will work with Health Services.

- A close contact is an unvaccinated **adult** who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes while the person was considered contagious even when wearing a mask.
- A close contact is an unvaccinated **student** who was within 3 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes while the person was considered contagious even when wearing a mask.
- **Fully-vaccinated persons do not need to quarantine** following an exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 if not experiencing symptoms.

8. Quarantine and contact tracing

- Unvaccinated students and staff who are identified as close contacts will be instructed to self-quarantine regardless of if the contact is within or outside of school.

JCPS Safety Plans:

- Staff will complete daily health screener online.
- Healthy @ School Officer will continue to be the point of contact with JCPS Health Services.
- JCPS will continue to notify families & staff of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 at a district location. The public will have access to the number of cases at a school or district office by reviewing a dashboard that will be available on our website.

9. Cleaning and disinfection

JCPS will continue to clean facilities carefully. In general, cleaning once a day is enough to sufficiently remove potential virus that may be on surfaces. High-touch, shared surfaces may be cleaned more frequently.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Strategies for school-sponsored sports and extracurricular activities will be implemented and continued from the 2020-21 school year based on guidance from the KHSAA.

- Masks are available for students and adults
- Hand Sanitizer continues to be accessible
- All other items previously available are able to be requested from the warehouse

**Personal
Protective
Equipment
(PPE)**

K-5 Virtual Option

- JCPSS will offer elementary virtual instruction at Pathfinder School of Innovation in addition to the 6th-12th grade program.
- Students will have live instruction as well as self-guided assignments.
- To take part in this program, students will enroll at the Pathfinder School of Innovation and are no longer enrolled at their current school assignment.
- This is a one-year program that would have to be renewed annually

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Racial Equity

- Racial Equity Analysis Protocol (REAP) new practices and spending related to racial equity
- Moratorium P - 3 suspensions (exception: law violation)
- Expansion of access to Dual Credit classes
- Every school will have access to a nurse and mental health practitioner
 - Employee Resource Manager groups
 - Increase in Black leaders/Chiefs
 - Continued focus on MWBE contracting

- Schools will be open five days a week for K-12 students beginning August 11.
- Plan based on Kentucky Department for Public Health guidance which is closely aligned to CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Governor's guidance.
- Plans will be reviewed periodically and changes will be made based on current information and guidance.

Summary

FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS