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Attendance

- Students are required to attend at least 90% of the days the school is in session.
- This can be met by on-campus instruction or through remote instruction.

Screening

- Staff members must self-screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms prior to arrival.
- Parents/guardians must screen their students daily for COVID-19 symptoms prior to arrival.
- Visitors will be screened by JISD staff for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entry.

Masks/Face Coverings

- Masks will only be required as per the Governor's executive orders
- Students, staff, and visitors are allowed to wear masks if they choose to do so

Conditions for Re-entry

- In the case of an individual who is diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - at least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either
 - obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or
 - Obtain an acute infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19.

INTRODUCTION

This plan has been developed based on the public health situation as we understand it today. Changes to the current public health situation may necessitate changes to this plan.

This plan addresses:

- On campus and remote instruction
- Administrative activities by teachers, staff, or students that occur on school campuses or remotely
- Non-UIL extracurricular sports and activities
- Any other activities that teachers, staff, or students must complete that cannot be accomplished remotely
- Visits by parents and the general public

Public Health Considerations

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. Jacksboro ISD has developed this plan to do everything feasible to keep students, teachers, staff, and our communities safe. That said, research from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19 and some severe outcomes have been reported in children, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized or have severe symptoms.

Furthermore, the American Academy of Pediatrics notes that COVID-19 risks must be balanced with the need for children to attend school in person, given that lack of physical access to school leads to a number of negative consequences, placing “children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity, and in some case, mortality.”

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps that can be taken to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly. This plan contains information on four sets of practices that minimize the likelihood of viral spread:

- PROVIDE NOTICE: Parental and public notices
- PREVENT: Practices to prevent the virus from entering the school
- RESPOND: Practices to respond to a test-confirmed case in the school
- MITIGATE: Practices to reduce likely spread inside the school

The prevention and mitigation practices outlined in this plan are designed to significantly reduce the likelihood that a coronavirus outbreak occurs on campus. Some practices are required for all campuses, some are required in areas with high levels of community spread,

and some are recommendations. This plan will address safety concerns for students, staff, and visitors.

It is possible that there will be situations that necessitate temporary school closure due to positive COVID-19 cases in schools. Parents and educators should be prepared for this in the event that it occurs, while actively working to prevent it through prevention and mitigation practices.

PROVIDE NOTICE: Parental and Public Notices

Plan for On-Campus Activities and Instruction

Jacksboro ISD will post for parents and the general public, at least one week prior to the start of on-campus activities and instruction, a summary of the plan to mitigate COVID-19 spread in the schools based on the requirements and recommendations outlined by the Texas Education Agency. This plan will be posted on the school website (www.jacksboroisd.net).

Attendance and Enrollment

1. Per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in force during the 2020-21 school year.
2. Student attendance may be earned through traditional on-campus instruction or through the delivery of remote instruction.
3. Any parent may request that their student be offered remote instruction. If a parent who chooses remote instruction wants their child to switch to an on-campus instructional setting, they can do so, but JISD is permitted to limit these transitions to occur only at the end of a grading period, if it will be beneficial to the student's instructional quality.
4. Notice of Public Enrollment and Attendance Rights and Responsibilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic ([English Version](#) & [Spanish Version](#))

PREVENT: Practices to Prevent the Virus from Entering the School

Screening Questions for COVID-19 Before Campus Access

1. Jacksboro ISD teachers and staff will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day. Symptoms are listed at the end of this plan. Teachers and staff must report to their supervisor if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are

test-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below. Additionally, they must report to JISD if they have had close contact with an individual who is test-confirmed with COVID-19, as defined at the end of this plan, and, if so, must remain off campus until the 14-day incubation period has passed.

2. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this plan) or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, and instead should opt to receive remote instruction until the below conditions for re-entry are met. Parents may also opt to have their students receive remote instruction if their child has had close contact with an individual who is test-confirmed with COVID-19 until the 14-day incubation period has passed. JISD may screen students for COVID-19 as well. Regularly performing a forehead temperature check of otherwise asymptomatic students in school is not recommended by the Texas Education Agency, but the practice is also not prohibited.
3. Before visitors are allowed on campuses, JISD will screen all visitors to determine if they have COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this plan) or are test-confirmed with COVID-19.

Additionally, JISD must screen to determine if visitors have had close contact with an individual who is test-confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until the 14-day incubation period has passed. When practical, screening questions can be supplemented with temperature checks of adults.

Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19

1. Any individuals who themselves either:
 - a. are test-confirmed to have COVID-19; or
 - b. experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below)must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until JISD screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
2. Conditions for re-entry:
 - a. In the case of an individual who is diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - i. at least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);

- ii. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - iii. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- b. In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
- c. If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either
 - i. obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or
 - ii. Obtain an acute infection test (at a physician's office, at an [approved testing location](#), or other site) that comes back negative for COVID-19.

Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

1. Schools must immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian.
2. Schools should clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school (student, teacher, or staff) as soon as is feasible.
3. Students who report feeling feverish should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

RESPOND: Practices to Respond to a Lab-Confirmed Case in the School

Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School

1. If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. Schools must close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the test-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those

areas can be disinfected, unless more than 7 days have already passed since that person was on campus.

3. Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on campus activities.
4. Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school, including an individual working or learning remotely, is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an [online form](#). The report must be submitted each Monday for the prior seven days (Monday-Sunday).

MITIGATE: Practices to Mitigate the Likelihood of COVID-19 Spread Inside the School

Health and Hygiene Practices: General

1. Schools will attempt to have hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations with soap and water at each entrance. JISD will also attempt to provide hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations with soap and water in every classroom.
2. Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors will be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
 - a. JISD will engage in supervised handwashing, when feasible, for at least 20 seconds at least two times each day, in addition to being encouraged to wash hands after using the restroom and before eating.
 - b. JISD will provide instruction regarding proper handwashing techniques.
 - c. Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors are encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, covered in their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.
3. Campuses will institute frequent cleaning practices, including additional cleaning by janitorial staff, as well as provide the opportunity for students to clean their own spaces before and after they are used, in ways that are safe and developmentally appropriate.
 - a. JISD will arrange for additional cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces that are commonly touched throughout the day. This includes objects such as door

- handles, common tables/desks, shared supplies such as art supplies, and high touch devices such as shared laptops or tablets.
- b. JISD will arrange for cleaning of commonly-touched surfaces in classrooms between different class groups, if the same room will be used by multiple class groups.
 - c. JISD will follow CDC guidance on cleaning buildings to prevent COVID-19 spread.
 - d. JISD will ensure cleaning and disinfecting products are stored safely, including storing harmful products where children cannot access them, and ensuring that harmful cleaning products are not used near children.
4. Whenever possible, schools will open windows or otherwise work to improve air flow by allowing outside air to circulate in the building.
 5. On the first day a student attends school on campus, JISD must provide instruction to students on appropriate hygiene practices and other mitigation practices adopted in the school.

Health and Hygiene Practices: Masks

1. For the purposes of this plan, masks include non-medical grade disposable face masks and cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth). Full-face shields may be used in place of a mask to protect eyes, nose, and mouth whenever a mask is not feasible or whenever the educational context may benefit from the ability to see an individual's full face.
2. JISD is required to comply with the governor's executive order regarding the wearing of masks (dependent upon current executive order, typically based upon the number of active COVID-19 cases in Jack County).
3. In addition to the executive order, JISD may require the use of masks or face shields for adults or students for whom it is developmentally appropriate.

Student-Teacher Groupings

Where feasible without disrupting the educational experience, encourage students to practice social distancing.

1. As classroom space allows, student desks will be distanced as much as practical.

2. In classrooms where students are regularly within six feet of one another, more frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing will be utilized and consider whether increased airflow from the outdoors is possible.

Use of Non-Classroom Spaces

1. When feasible and appropriate (for example, in physical education classes as weather permits), it is preferable for students to gather outside, rather than inside, because of the likely reduced risk of virus spread outdoors.
2. JISD will continue to offer extracurricular activities for non-UIL extracurricular activities with the guidance of this plan and with the guidance found on the UIL website for all UIL activities.
3. JISD policies regarding the use of facilities by the public remain in place. Operation of the facilities will be done consistent with the governor's executive orders for similar activities.
4. Each campus will develop a plan for entry, exit, and transition procedures that reduce large group gatherings (of students and/or adults) in close proximity.
5. JISD will consider local conditions in the planning of assemblies and other activities that bring large groupings of students and/or teachers and staff together.
6. Each campus will develop procedures to reduce the likelihood that students meet the close contact definition (defined below) at lunch. This could include having students eat lunch at their desks in the classroom or reducing the number of students in a cafeteria at a single time.

Transportation Recommendations

1. JISD will encourage students and staff to use hand sanitizer upon boarding the bus.
2. When possible, windows will be open on buses to allow outside air to circulate in the bus.
3. Families are encouraged to drop students off, carpool, or walk with their student to school to reduce possible virus exposure on buses.

4. Buses will be thoroughly cleaned after each bus trip, focusing on high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles. During cleaning, windows will be opened to allow for additional ventilation and air flow.

Visits to Schools

1. Parents and other adults can visit schools, as permitted by normal school system policies. During these visits, parents and other visitors must follow virus prevention and mitigation requirements of the school.
2. JISD will restrict access to students and staff to only those essential to school operations and academic progress.

Staffing

1. Employees of JISD, like employees of any organization, must continue to meet the work expectations set by their employer, subject to any applicable employment contract terms or legal requirements. However, JISD will work with teachers and other staff to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and staff. This could include allowing those staff, including teachers, who may fulfill their work duties remotely to do so. It could include modification of schedules to ensure, where feasible, that staff members, including teachers, interact with smaller and/or more consistent cohorts of individuals to further mitigate risk. In addition, teachers and staff who are in high risk categories may be entitled to paid leave under Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) in addition to leave already accrued.
2. School teachers and staff should be trained specifically on the protocols outlined in this plan and the practices adopted by their school system. All JISD employees will complete the Texas Agri-Life Extension online course on Special Considerations for Infection Control During COVID-19 (2hrs).
3. JISD will attempt to reduce in-person staff meetings or other opportunities for adults to congregate in close settings. When those meetings are necessary and cannot be done via electronic means, everyone must follow the current mask protocols and practice social distancing.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Any of the following symptoms indicate a possible COVID-19 infection:

Have you recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for you?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

CLOSE CONTACT DEFINITION

This plan refers to “close contact” with an individual who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19. The definition is evolving with our understanding of COVID-19, and individual scenarios should be determined by an appropriate public health agency. In general, close contact is defined as:

1. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
2. being within 6 feet for a largely uninterrupted or sustained extended contact period throughout the course of a day of approximately 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (1) or (2) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are test-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is

defined as two days prior to the confirming lab test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming lab test.

SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE INFORMATION

1. When asking individuals if they have symptoms for COVID-19, JISD must only require the individual to provide a “Yes” or “No” to the overall statement that they are symptomatic for COVID-19, as opposed to asking the individual for specific symptom confirmation. JISD is not entitled to collect information during screening on the specific health information of an individual beyond that they are symptomatic.
2. Once it is determined that responding individuals have met the criteria for re-entry, JISD must destroy those individuals’ responses.

CAMPUS SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

Jacksboro Elementary School

Arrival to School

Jacksboro Elementary will have all K-5th grade students report to their classrooms as they arrive at school. Pre-K students will report to the gym when they arrive at school. Each grade level will enter through the following locations.



Parents/Guardians may walk their student(s) to the door at each location, but are not allowed into the hallways due to the health, safety, and security of our campus. Arrival and Dismissal procedures are posted on the Elementary School website.

Breakfast/Lunch

Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students will eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria at designated, staggered times with their homeroom class. 2nd grade through 5th grade students will be served and eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms. Parents/guardians are allowed to eat lunch with their student(s). All visitors, including parents/guardians must check in at the front office and must be screened for COVID-19 before entering the building. We will have designated areas for parents/guardians to eat lunch with their own children.

Transitions between classes

All students will be taught to walk on the right side of the hallway between classes and activities. We will keep classes together during transitions to limit the amount of student interaction among class groups and grade levels.

Classroom Settings

To the best of our abilities, we will space students in classrooms while receiving instruction. Some classroom settings will be limited to the amount of distance between students. All classrooms will have assigned seating for each student so that the school can once again limit the interaction among groups of students.

Specials (PE, Art, Computers, Music)

Specials activities will be split by homeroom classes to limit the amount of interaction among class groups. When weather permits, PE activities will utilize outside activities.

Recess

Students will engage in recess activities with their homeroom classes to limit the amount of interaction among class groups. We will split recess areas into zones and rotate the zones each week.

Dismissal

We will begin releasing students at 3:30pm. Students will be picked up from the same location that they are dropped off in the mornings. Students will be released from their homeroom class and a staff member will walk each student or group of students to their appropriate designated pick-up area. We will utilize the Silent Dismissal program that we used for the 2019-2020 school year, and parents are required to display their child's number plate when picking up their student(s). Any student not picked up by 3:45pm will have to be picked up from the front office, and the parent/guardian must sign the student out. Arrival and Dismissal procedures are posted on the Elementary School

website. No parents/guardians are allowed into the building during dismissal procedures.

Visitors to our campus

All visitors to our campus must check in at the front office. Visitors will need to provide identification and must also be screened for COVID-19.

Masks

We will comply with the Governor's executive orders in regards to all masks. As of right now, counties with more than 20 active cases of COVID-19 require the wearing of masks in public places and for anyone 10 and older. Masks **are not required** of students and staff at this time, but are permitted. If the Governor's executive orders change, we will notify all constituents of the updated actions and how they relate to our campus, staff, and students.

Jacksboro Middle School

Prior to Coming to School

Students and staff need to be screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming to school each day.

Arrival at School

JMS students will enter the building through the front doors of the round building. Students in athletics will report to their designated areas, as scheduled.

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria before school, for 6th grade and students not in athletics. Students will sit no more than 6 to a table in the cafeteria. There will be breakfast available for students in athletics at the end of first period.

Lunch periods will be divided by grade level, with seating limited to 6 students per table.

Passing Periods

All students will be encouraged to walk on the right side of the hallway between classes and activities. Transition between classes may be divided by grade/locker area, if needed, to increase space between students at lockers.

Classroom Settings

Student work spaces will be spread out, as much as possible, keeping in mind the recommendations of 4-6' between students. Student work spaces will be cleaned at the beginning and end of each period, by students and staff.

Dismissal

Upon dismissal at 3:30, students will exit the building in the following manner: 6th grade will exit through the gym entrance and 7th/8th grades will exit through the two exits in the round building. Students will be encouraged to not congregate in groups of more than 6 and will be asked to maintain social distancing upon waiting for the bus or parents to pick up.

If You Are Suspected of Having COVID-19

Students who are suspected of having COVID-19 by displaying any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 will be separated from other individuals immediately until that student can be picked up by a parent/guardian.

Preventative Hygiene Measures

We will have hand sanitizing stations at various locations throughout the entire campus. Students should wash their hands in a sink at least twice a day, and sanitize when necessary. Students should practice methods for covering all coughs and sneezes.

Visitors to our campus

All visitors to our campus must check in at the front office. Visitors will need to provide identification and must also be screened for COVID-19.

Masks

We will comply with the Governor's executive orders in regards to masks being worn in the building.

Jacksboro High School

Prior to Coming to School

Students need to self-screen at 8pm the previous night and then again the morning of school for COVID-19 Symptoms. This should include students taking their own temperature.

Entry Into the School Building (Backdoor)

Students will come in the backdoor and be monitored by staff for any symptoms of COVID-19. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, students will have their temperature checked immediately prior to entry into the building. Students need to socially distance themselves as much as possible and do not need to pile into the entryway.

During Passing Periods

Students need to walk on the right hand side of each hallway as well as get from class to class as quickly as possible in order to help restrict the spread of COVID-19. Do not congregate in groups and practice social distancing as much as possible.

Entering/Exiting Classrooms

Teachers will spray desks and surfaces that will be used, and students will need to grab a paper towel and sanitize the area they are going to be using. Prior to the bell that ends class, the teacher will spray desks and surfaces that were used, and again, students will need to wipe down and sanitize the areas they used. This will be done at the beginning and end of each class period.

Breakfast/Lunch

As with entering the building, students need to practice social distancing as much as possible while entering the cafeteria and not pile in all at once. There will be no more than 7 students per table, and once a student gets their food and sits down, they need to stay at that table for the duration of the lunch period. For the breakfast break, students are allowed to eat in classrooms or other common areas so long as they are practicing social distancing. If not at a lunch table, do not form in groups of more than 7.

If You Are Suspected of Having COVID-19

Students who are suspected of having COVID-19 by displaying any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 will be separated from other individuals immediately until that student can be picked up by a parent/guardian.

Preventative Hygiene Measures

We will have hand sanitizer stations at various locations throughout the entire campus. Students should wash their hands in a sink at least twice a day, and sanitize otherwise when necessary. Students should cover all coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if one is not available, their elbow. Students need to discard all tissues and wash their hands immediately.

Masks

JISD will comply with Governor Abbott's Executive Order with regard to all masks, which requires all masks to be worn in counties that have more than 20 active cases of COVID-19. As of now, we will not require masks, but may in the future in accordance with the Executive Order from the State.