

## **Junction City School District 2020-2021 End of Year, Summer Learning Recovery, and 2021-2022 Return to School COVID Mitigation Plan**

The Junction City School District recognizes the health risks associated with COVID-19 and will continue to work to lessen the possible exposure and spread of the virus. In large part the district will continue to implement CDC and ADH guidance for schools with some minor allowances to provide teachers some flexibility when proper distancing can be achieved.

**Current Guidance:** [Click for ADH Covid-19 Guidance](#)

**Masks:** The board recognizes the health benefits and science associated with masking. Masks when appropriate for the setting are expected to be worn by adults and students who are developmentally able.

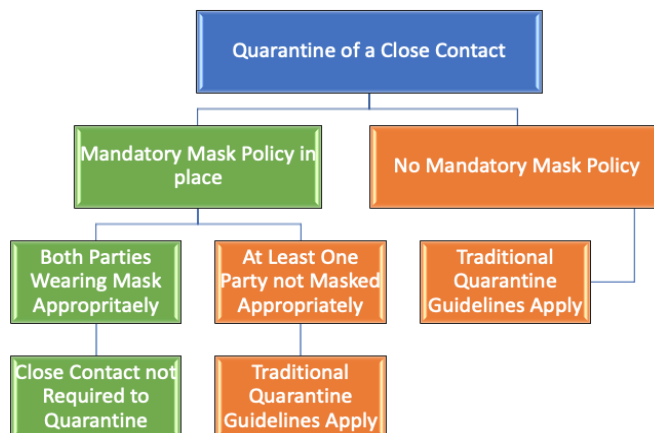
### **JCSD Local Requirements:**

- Masking is required for all visitors to campus
- Staff members and students are encouraged to wear masks at all times if they are uncomfortable with any modifications to current requirements.
- Masking is required in settings where social distancing greater than three feet cannot be sustained.
  - Classroom settings where greater than three feet cannot be sustained
  - Hallways during transition times
  - Any line, including the cafeteria serving line
  - Any setting where students are congregated and adequate distance cannot be achieved.
  - School buses where distance cannot be achieved. On crowded buses everyone must wear a mask.
  - Long Route bus drivers may opt to remove their mask when all students are behind the driver and the driver is separated by more than three feet from the students.
- JCSD will continue to disinfect shared spaces during class exchanges and after bus routes.
- Students will continue to be encouraged to wash hands and use hand sanitizer regularly.
- JCSD will continue to use bottle filling stations and keep communal fountains closed for use.

### **Quarantine Consideration:**

- The only real change in the JCSD policy is students and staff may opt out of mask wearing when more than 3 feet of distance is possible.
  - Proper mask wearing may be a consideration when identifying individuals as close contacts in K-12 schools that continue to implement mask requirements. This means that if both individuals – the person diagnosed with COVID-19 and the person exposed to the positive case – were wearing masks correctly at the time of exposure, the individual exposed does not need to quarantine.

## Close Contact Identification:



**Physical Distancing:** Six feet of social distancing is preferred but as long as there are more than three feet of sustainable separation, masking is optional. Separation distance is key in determining close contacts for quarantine. If more than 3 feet of sustainable distance is not possible, all staff and students must properly wear masks.

- **Physical Distancing**

The CDC still recommends social distancing of 6 feet between adults, as well as adults and students, in common areas, when masks can't be worn (such as while eating), during activities with increased inhalation like sports or band practice (which would preferably be held outside), and in community settings outside the classroom.

### Response to Positive Cases:

JCSD continues to take responsibility for responding to confirmed cases within the school district by reporting confirmed positive cases to ADH, identifying close contacts, and determining quarantines.

Under this updated guidance, there are factors that change prior rules for quarantine.

- Schools with **mask mandates** that promote **proper mask wearing** may now exempt individuals from being identified as close contacts in K-12 schools if **both** the confirmed and exposed individuals are properly masked.
- **A fully vaccinated individual** does not need to stay at home following close contact exposure to a test-confirmed individual if certain conditions are met.
- Individuals who **previously have had COVID-19 and recovered and are within 3 months of their original diagnosis** may not have to quarantine

### **Report a Positive or Suspected Case**

Michelle Doolin, RN, School Nurse, is the first Point of Contact (POC) for the school district. If a student has tested positive or the parent suspects the student has common symptoms of COVID-19, the POC should be called at 870-924-4575 ext.4594. If she is unavailable, parents, please contact the building office. [doolinm@jcdragons.k12.ar.us](mailto:doolinm@jcdragons.k12.ar.us)

### **Continuation of Services**

The JCSD Return to Learning Plan ([click here](#)) details the district's plans for a continuation of services for both onsite learning and virtual learning.

The JCSD Ready for Learning Committee surveyed parents and stakeholders and sought their input in finalizing this plan. Before any further modifications to the plan are made, additional stakeholder input will be sought. On April 13, 2021, at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, the Ready for Learning Committee recommended the adoption of this plan for onsite attendance for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, any summer learning recovery programs, and for the return to learning for the 2021-2022 school year. Further modification of the plan is expected before the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The Board of Directors, with a unanimous vote, approved this plan as it was presented by the Ready for Learning Committee.

### **Summary of Plan**

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act, JCSD offers these assurances to parents, students and staff that the District will continue with COVID mitigation procedures included in this plan until a time that the Centers for Disease Control, Arkansas Department of Health, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education signal that schools may return to traditional onsite education.

- JCSD will keep a masking requirement for students and staff when social distancing cannot be achieved: classrooms where distance can't be achieved, hallways, and other areas where student congregate.
- JCSD will continue with disinfection of shared areas throughout the school day.
- JCSD will continue to encourage frequent handwashing or the frequent use of hand sanitizer.
- JCSD will not make communal water fountains available for use. The use of water bottle filling stations will continue.
- JCSD will continue to report positive cases and quarantine students or staff according to ADH guidance.
- JCSD will continue to require masking on school buses when appropriate distance cannot be achieved.
- JCSD long bus routes, the driver may remove his/her mask as long as all students are behind the driver and the driver is adequately separated from students.
- JCSD requires masking for all riders at all times on crowded buses.
- JCSD considers the cafeteria a communal area and masking is required except when eating. Students are adequately spaced and students may not consume food face to face.
- JCSD will continue to supply disposable masks for students who do not have one.

### **Summary of Summer Learning Recovery and Return to school 2021-2022**

JCSD will continue requiring adherence to this plan for onsite summer learning recovery for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Changes to the local requirements for COVID mitigation will be made in accordance to CDC and ADH recommendations. Before the beginning of the new school year, the District will seek input from parents and stakeholders through survey links posted on the school website.

JCSD will continue to archive mitigation plans and all input from parents and other stakeholders.