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JNPSD School Community:

This is the 40th community update since the school closure period began on March 12. This edition will focus on general guidelines for school reopening in the fall. We do not have our full reentry plan finalized, but we are getting closer to having a plan ready for public review. Please understand that all plans are subject to change at any time based on any new information and directives from the Governor, Arkansas Department of Health, and Arkansas Department of Education.

From a news report concerning one of Governor Hutchinson's press conferences:

When asked about the increase in cases among children and school in the fall, the Governor responded, "We cannot afford as a society to have limited commitment to education. We want our students to have the full experience of education in a healthy environment. We are trying to figure out the healthy environment. That's why our Ready to Learn initiative led by the Secretary of Education relies upon the different school districts to listen to parents, and what are the concerns, how we can address this and what works in that community. It will be a blended environment supplemented by online instruction as needed." (APSRC Report)

The Governor encouraged Arkansans to review the case studies included in the guidance and references scientific literature that show when face masks are used by the majority of the population in public settings, it's effective in reducing transmission. (APSRC Report)

Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) has issued new guidance Friday regarding face coverings. The guidance includes:

1. Face coverings should be worn in all indoor settings where you are exposed to non-household members and physical distancing of six feet or more cannot be assured.
2. Face coverings should be worn at all outdoor settings where you are exposed to non-household members, unless there is space (six feet or more) to practice physical distancing.
3. Cloth face coverings have been shown to be sufficient for the general public and effective in preventing transmission.
4. Face coverings should cover both the mouth and nose to be effective.

ADH COVID-19 Call Center: 1-800-803-7847

General Information

JNPSD has several working groups developing our school reentry plan. Once the plan is in final draft form, it will be published for public review. The plan may be modified based on any additional feedback received. JNPSD is consulting with state and local health officials as well as state education officials in the development of this plan.

JNPSD has received a wide variety of parent and community feedback through the various surveys that have been conducted in recent weeks. This feedback is being used to develop school reentry plans.

General information concerning recommendations, requirements, and guidance for the start of school is attached to this update. Information from the Arkansas Department of Health's recent recommendations regarding face coverings has been posted separately and is contained within the school reentry memo. We are asking for your cooperation in our efforts to implement all recommendations, requirements, and guidance.

Remember that we must be flexible as our guidance and procedures will change as any directives from the Governor, Arkansas Department of Health, and Arkansas Department of Education may change.

Summer Meal Deliveries

The JNPSD Child Nutrition Department are delivering meals based on the schedule published in previous summer updates.

Parent Surveys Close this Weekend

Please complete the following surveys to assist in our planning:

Child Nutrition Parent Survey: <https://forms.gle/miYhXu3oRwikyJdo8>

Virtual School Intent Survey: <https://forms.gle/wn768vnsc2RSosCS9>

Bus Transportation Survey: <https://forms.gle/tDHun8sK6onCivSC9>

State Updates

Please check updates from the following state websites for current information from the Governor's Office, Arkansas Department of Health, Arkansas Department of Education, and other state agencies:

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/>

<https://arkansasready.com/>

<http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/>

Your support is vital in making our school reopening in August a success. We appreciate your continued commitment to the JNPSD community!

Respectfully,



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