



Johnson County School District

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction

Continuity of Services Plan 2023-2024

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year

The Johnson County School District is excited to start the 2023-2024 school year. Guidance documents from KPH, CDC, and KDE as well as input from the Johnson County Health Department have been used to create our KDE-required Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan. Local Health Officials and Board Counsel have been consulted. This plan could change or be updated at any time depending on the community transmission rate, Governor's orders, or updated information related to Covid-19.

- In-person instruction and virtual learning (via Eagle Academy Alternative School for grades 5-12) are enrollment options.
- Sick students and staff are expected to stay home.
- School officials will work closely with Public Health to monitor the community transmission rate

Guidelines for Students, Staff, & Visitors

- **Masking:**
 - Masking will be optional for all students and staff members.
- **Vaccination:**
 - Students, staff, and school visitors are not required to have received a Covid-19 vaccination, but this does remain recommended and clinics will be provided based on the need.
- **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette:**
 - All persons on school grounds are expected to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.
 - Hand sanitizer will be widely available.
- **Isolation, quarantine, and contact tracing**
 - The district WILL NOT be doing any contact tracing, or requiring quarantining of anyone exposed to COVID-19, including positive households. Therefore, Test to Stay is no longer available to the district.
 - All asymptomatic students who live with a positive individual are expected to be in attendance
 - Positive students and staff members with no symptoms will need to isolate for 5 days. If symptoms are present you will need to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms. If symptoms fully resolve, isolation may be shortened and end after day 5 on the first day without symptoms.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

All student-athletes, coaches, staff, and volunteers participating in a KHSAA sanctioned sport are expected to follow KHSAA guidelines.



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Instruction, Intervention, & Mental Health Wellness

Instruction

- 5 days per week face-to-face.
- Virtual option application based through The Johnson County Eagle Academy grades 5th-12th.
- School Doors open at 7:15.
- Core instruction and exploratories/electives/specials taught daily.
- Strategic intervention provided by classroom teachers, SEL Coaches, and instructional assistants.
- Enrichment services provided by classroom teachers, exploratory teachers, Gifted/Talented teachers, and support staff.
- After-school services are provided at each school.

Mental Health Wellness

- School counselors at each school provide whole group and small group instruction as well as individual counseling services.
- Mt. Comprehensive Care Counselors at each school for support services in mental health.
- Social and Emotional Learning embedded lessons in core curriculum.
- Social and Emotional Learning Processes/supports at each school (Leader in Me, BARR).

Visitors

- Masking will be optional for visitors and volunteers.
- Visitors and volunteers will have limited access at the school principal's discretion and/or when community transmission rates are high or elevated.

Expectations for Students

- Students should communicate needs and comply with school rules and expectations outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan.
- Students may wear a mask inside any school building.
- Students may wear a mask while being transported on a school bus.
- Students should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently during the school day.
- Students should stay home when sick.
- Students should eat meals prepared by the cafeteria or bring it to school with them.

Expectations for Parents/Guardians

- Should support the district Code of Conduct and Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan.
- Should communicate needs to school personnel.
- Should keep student(s) home when sick or have a fever.
- Parents/Guardians are required to notify the school district if students receive a positive Covid-19 test
- Parents should drop children at the entrance doors; parents will not be permitted to walk his/her child to class.
- Parents should refrain from delivering food to school during the day to limit unnecessary visits; no outside food deliveries will be accepted.

Expectations for JC Staff

- Should follow the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan
- Should communicate concerns to the administration.
- Should support students and address student needs.
- Should keep student safety as the number one priority.
- Should use good judgment when setting and implementing student expectations.
- Should stay home when sick.



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