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JNPSD School Community:

Please continue to stay informed through all of our postings on JNP social media, JNP website, local media, and other communication outlets. All community updates and other information posted since March 6 is available for your reference.

### **Governor's Press Conference Today (APSRC Report)**

Dr. Joe Thompson, CEO of ACHI, announced that city-level active cases are now available on their website at [www.achi.net](http://www.achi.net). Site visitors are also able access city-level cumulative case numbers. ACHI continues to work with the data and the website in order to track the rate to provide a trend line for communities to monitor. There are 100 cities listed with active case numbers, and then 400 cities listed that have at least one case in their community.

Dr. Romero was asked what his advice was to school administrators during a Zoom meeting he held this morning.

“The discussion was wide-ranging, from issues of contact tracing to testing to isolation. The questions were all very well thought out and we talked about sports and when they would start. School is going to start as stated on the 24th. We discussed that this is clearly a moving target, that as the date approaches, we will be able to give them more concrete information about the prevalence of the disease in their areas. We will be answering some of their questions specifically. I think they asked some very good questions about whether certain individuals within a school can be considered essential workers, for example food handlers or cafeteria workers, and could be covered under issues of essential workers returning to work if exposed. There is a possibility now that we are getting more point of care testing that we could set point of care testing at a central area which allows the schools to use them, not necessarily at a school, but at a healthcare facility. The Governor may talk more about this in the future.”

The Governor announced he will provide an update on sports update and specifically contact sports in the fall during tomorrow's briefing.

1. Arkansas Center for Health Improvement show the following COVID cases for Jacksonville: Total = 335 and Active = 71.

2. The following school reentry plans have been posted online through our website and social media outlets:

Titans Return to Learn School Reentry Playbook  
Titans Return to Learn Frequently Asked Questions  
Titans Return to Learn Roadmap to Reopening

These documents have been shared with local media as well. The Leader and Arkansas Democrat-Gazette have published articles detailing JNPSD's general plans for school reentry. Please stay tuned to phone, email, and media outlets for any updated information.

3. Stay tuned for information concerning open house dates and times. These sessions will be "virtual open house" events.

Thank you for your support of JNPSD during this critical time for our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Duffie", is centered below the text "Respectfully,".

Bryan Duffie, Ed.D.  
Superintendent