



## Jacksonville | North Pulaski SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Building Futures: Every Scholar, Every Day*

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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, official documents, and other information posted since March 6 is available for your reference.

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

ADE Secretary Johnny Key reported two additional districts have had to make modifications to their instruction. Jacksonville-North Pulaski Middle School is moving to virtual on Friday, September 4 due to the number of staff that have to be quarantined. The school plans to reassess after they come back from the Labor Day weekend. Earle Elementary School, where 50% of staff have had to be quarantined, will move to virtual instruction from September 3 through 17.

Secretary Key said it's worthy to point out that over the past two weeks there have been more students impacted by weather issues than due to COVID-19.

"It just goes to show the work our districts have done to prepare for pivoting to virtual instruction has been very important for other reasons besides the pandemic," Secretary Key said.

### **MODIFIED SCHOOL OPERATIONS:**

Notice was sent today to middle school parents that all JMS scholars will have virtual learning from home on Friday. School staff will deliver classes via Google Classroom and other online platforms.

This decision was made due to lack of staffing and substitute teachers. **This interruption to on-site learning is not the result of additional COVID cases.** A decision will be made on Friday morning concerning the status of JMS. It is possible that virtual learning may extend into next week. Parents will be advised as soon as decisions are made.

## 1. **ATTENTION PARENTS:**

In an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our staff and scholars, we are asking all parents / guardians of scholars who will attend classes on campus to notify the JNP Point of Contact immediately when the following occurs:

- a. Someone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19.
- b. Someone in the household has been identified as a close contact to a positive case of COVID-19 and is required to quarantine to be tested for COVID-19.
- c. Scholars or staff who are being tested for COVID-19 and symptomatic should remain in quarantine pending results of their COVID-19 test.

**Please call LORRI STINNETT, JNP Point of Contact, at 501-613-7740 or email [lstinnett@jnpsd.org](mailto:lstinnett@jnpsd.org).** Medical documentation will be required before returning to school. Thank you for your cooperation in providing this information.

2. ADH has advised that numbers for a COVID case that impact 5 or less people should not be released to the public to protect privacy of individuals. Press releases will be sent when the number of cases plus the number of quarantined persons exceed 5 scholars or staff.

3. All parents whose children meet the criteria of being a close contact to a person who is positive for COVID will be contacted and advised of the state directive to quarantine. A close contact is defined as an individual who was within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24-hour period of a person who is positive for COVID. The quarantine period is for 10 school days unless advised differently by ADH.

4. Ms. Stinnett will provide information to ADH, and ADH contact tracers will contact the identified persons and provide additional direction to the parents.

5. As we progress through this school year, parents will be notified if changes in school operations will occur. State officials will be consulted prior to any major change in on-site or virtual classes.

6. JNPSD is excited for our student athletes to begin their sports season for the 2020-2021 school year. The goal is not to just start but more importantly be able to finish their season and stay safe in the process. In order for this to happen, we will need everyone's assistance in following the Arkansas Department of Health guidelines that have been set forth.

The online ticket sales for all athletic events at Jacksonville High School and Jacksonville Middle School is <https://www.jacksonvilletitans.com/>.

### **REQUIREMENTS AT ALL ATHLETIC VENUES:**

- \* Face coverings are required at all times. (Except to consume food or beverages)
- \* Seating will be restricted to every other row.

- \* Capacity will be limited to meet ADH requirements.
- \* Single-household family groups may sit together but 6 feet physical distance must be maintained from all other groups or individuals.
- \* **All ticket sales will be advance ticket sales only. There will be NO ticket sales at the front gate.**
- \* Arkansas Activities Association passes will only be honored.
- \* Please follow ALL marked signs.
- \* There will be no admittance to the football field or courts following the conclusion of the game.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience while we work to provide a safe environment for our Titan Family.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Duffie', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Bryan Duffie. Ed.D.  
Superintendent