



JCS Return-to-School Plan 2021-2022

Jessamine County Schools will prioritize a safe and healthy in-person teaching and learning experience for all students and staff. Layered protection and prevention measures will be in place and local monitoring of community and school level transmission of COVID-19 will guide the decision-making process. Jessamine County Schools will adjust protocols (including face covering requirements) as necessary to address changing conditions. During the 2021–2022 school year, protocols and requirements may change for a specific school building, program, classroom or setting based on the number of positive cases, contact tracing, community test positivity rate, community conditions, and risk of spread.

FACE COVERINGS

- Masks are required for all individuals while indoors in classroom and non-classroom settings, regardless of vaccination status, unless otherwise exempted.
- Masks are required to be worn on district school buses.
- The use of face masks can, in some circumstances, reduce or eliminate the need for quarantine in the event that a student or staff member has an exposure to COVID-19.
- JCS will transition to recommending and not requiring mask usage as soon as it is safe to do so.

VACCINATIONS

- The COVID-19 vaccine is currently available for all individuals ages 12 and older and we encourage unvaccinated staff members as well as families with students in this age group to consider the potential benefits of vaccination.
- JCS will continue to partner with the Jessamine County Health Department to offer vaccine clinics and will publicize these opportunities. Vaccines can also be obtained from some physician offices and pharmacies.

TRANSPORTATION

- By order of the CDC and the Kentucky Department for Public Health, all individuals on a public bus must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. JCS will require that all individuals wear a mask while on a district school bus.
- Students will sit in driver-assigned seats and members of the same household will be seated together.
- Enhanced cleaning procedures will be used on buses daily.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Recommendations for optimal physical distancing will be implemented to the extent possible.

VENTILATION

All JCS building ventilation systems are operational. These systems will continue to be monitored and maintained to ensure proper airflow and circulation, providing an optimal level of fresh air inside our facilities.

CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINE

The district will continue to utilize contact tracing and quarantine measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within our schools. District health professionals will continue to work with the Jessamine County Health Department to respond to reports of positive cases and will take appropriate action to notify and inform affected individuals.

ADDITIONAL LAYERED MITIGATION STRATEGIES

ADDITIONAL EFFORTS THAT WE'RE TAKING TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN OUR SCHOOLS INCLUDE:

- Teaching and promoting good hand hygiene
- Continuing enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols
- Installing water bottle filling stations to be used in place of water fountains
- Utilizing seating charts for classes, cafeterias and buses
- Keeping students in cohorts to the extent possible
- Reducing contact with touch surfaces, ie scan devices instead of keypads in cafeterias
- Conducting symptomatic screening of students and staff

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Keep your student home when there are signs of infectious illness.
- Consult your medical provider for testing and care as needed.
- Encourage good hand hygiene and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Monitor school and district communications for updates and changes.