

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS



JCA will follow the guidance from ISBE & IDPH which applies to all public and nonpublic schools.

Face Masks

Executive Order 2021-18 requires that masks be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to P-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

- ALL INDIVIDUALS (faculty, staff, students and visitors) are required to wear a face mask indoors and on buses.
- Masks should be a solid color; bandanas and gaiters are not allowed.
- Any student reporting to school without a mask will be given the option of purchasing one for \$1 or will be sent home.
- Students are subject to disciplinary consequences for failure to comply with the mask mandate.

Distancing

JCA will maintain 3-foot distance indoors whenever possible. Distancing and furniture will not inhibit best academic practices.

- Every classroom will maintain an assigned seating chart for contact tracing.
- During lunch, students will have the option of eating outdoors when weather permits.
- Students will have access to lockers and athletic lockers.

Visitors

JCA will allow visitors in the building.

- Masks are required for all indoor visitors.
- Visitors must check in at the main desk.
- The Spirit Shop is open during school hours.

Remote Learning

- All instruction will be in person.

Other Strategies

- Students, faculty and staff should stay home if experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Improve ventilation with open windows/doors
- Promote and adhere to hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Clean and disinfect surfaces in school and maintain healthy environments
- Use of water bottles

These strategies are subject to change pursuant to changing public health conditions and subsequent updated public health guidance.

Reporting COVID Cases, Symptoms and Exposures

- During the school week, call the Dean's office to report an absence due to illness or exposure.
- Over the weekend report exposures and positive results to the Health Office at jca-nurse@jca-online.org

Contact tracing and Quarantine

All families will be individually contacted by the JCA Health Office during regular school hours with follow up instructions.

COVID-19 Positive Cases

- Students who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home for 10 days. The Health Office will follow up to determine the return to school/ activity date.

Close Contacts

- The Health Office and building administrators will work with teachers, parents, students and the WCHD to identify and communicate with all individuals exposed to a positive case to determine if they are a close contact.

Close Contacts- unvaccinated

- Option 1 - Quarantine for 14 days and return to school symptom free.
- Option 2- Quarantine for 10 days and return with a negative COVID-19 PCR test with no symptoms.
- Option 3- Quarantine for 7 days, no symptoms developed during daily monitoring AND the individual has a negative SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test (PCR) that was collected within 48 hours of exposure day 7 (starting on day 6 or after).
- Option 4 - Test to Stay Strategy - This option will be explained by the Health Office.

Close Contacts- vaccinated

- **Asymptomatic** - Fully vaccinated students with NO symptoms DO NOT need to quarantine. If your student is fully vaccinated please send a copy of their vaccination card to the Health Office.
- **Symptomatic**- Fully vaccinated students with COVID-19 symptoms must remain out-of-school until their symptoms subside. They may return to school when symptom free for 24 hours without the use of any medication.

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