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We know how important it is for our students and staff to come back to school. We also understand that we are in the midst of a pandemic and realize that some parents will choose the Virtual Learning Option. Both the traditional and virtual models are extremely important to our school district, and we will keep the safety of our students and staff at the forefront of all our decisions. The partnership between the school and the parent is more important now than ever before. By supporting one another and increasing communication, we can make the best decisions for our students, staff, and community.

The principal and the school nurse will be the school's main COVID-19 point of contact. Students and staff with COVID-19 symptoms or a temperature of 100.4°F and above will be immediately isolated and sent home. The Jones County Safety Coordinator and the School Nurse Coordinator will coordinate the notification of health officials immediately for guidance on next steps, including closures. Measures will be taken to ensure student and staff privacy.

SCREENING BEFORE LEAVING HOME	PROCEDURE
<p data-bbox="199 175 558 240">All Students/Staff Prior to Departure from Home</p> 	<ul data-bbox="730 199 1976 505" style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and students are expected to take temperature prior to leaving home. • If temperature is at or above 100.4°, staff or student should not report to school. • Staff and students are asked to self-report to school nurse or other school designee (e.g. homeroom teacher, school nurse, school secretary, attendance clerk) • If staff or student have exhibited symptoms within the 24 hours prior to the student leaving for school, staff or student should remain at home. • Proper hygiene measures will be taught, reinforced, and encouraged (i.e. proper and frequent hand washing, frequent use of hand sanitizer, properly covering coughs and sneezes, keeping hands away from mouths).
TRANSPORTING TO SCHOOL	PROCEDURE
<p data-bbox="220 618 537 683">Transporting Students (Bus)</p> 	<ul data-bbox="737 643 1976 1049" style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and bus drivers will be encouraged to use provided hand sanitizer. • Students and bus drivers will be encouraged to use face masks (provided as needed). • Screen students and bus drivers for symptoms of illness and utilize spaced seating (to the extent practicable). If a student appears symptomatic, bus drivers will be supplied with thermometers to assess the student's temperature. If a child getting on the bus is sick, driver or dispatch will contact the student's parent/guardian. He/she will be taken back home when possible. • Guardians are encouraged to drop off/pick up students. • No field trips will be conducted until further notice. • Frequently touched surfaces on the bus will be cleaned and disinfected at least once daily. • Protocols will be established for bus stops and loading/unloading students to minimize congregation of children from different households.
<p data-bbox="191 1105 567 1138">Car Riders/Student Drivers</p> 	<ul data-bbox="737 1130 1955 1333" style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be reminded of proper hygiene measures to follow throughout the day. • Students will be reminded to use hand sanitizer stations as they enter the building. • Once parked on campus, student drivers will exit the vehicle and report to their designated areas in the building. • Student drivers will need to be aware of any passenger's potential exposure to COVID-19 and limit the number of passengers traveling with student to school.

SERVING MEALS	PROCEDURE
<p data-bbox="151 175 604 207">Serving Meals (Lunch/Breakfast)</p> 	<ul data-bbox="739 198 1978 652" style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be encouraged to wash hands before and after meal service. • Hand sanitizer will be provided in serving lines for students and staff. • Disposable plates, utensils, etc. will be used if meals are served outside the cafeteria. • Utensils will be distributed to students to avoid multiple people touching utensils. • Serving lines and entrance will be marked with spacing indicators and flow path direction. • Seats in cafeteria will be marked or arranged to promote physical distancing. • Cafeterias and high-touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the school day. • Alternating groups will be served in the cafeteria and the classroom to decrease the number of students in the cafeteria at any given time and allow more physical distancing. • Non-essential visitors will not be served meals. • Meal times may be flexible to reduce numbers of students waiting in line at the same time. • Barcode scans will be used for meal counts to reduce surface contact. • Plexiglass shields will be provided for each cashier station.
ENTERING SCHOOL BUILDINGS	PROCEDURE
<p data-bbox="130 782 634 815">Staff/Students Entering the Building</p> 	<ul data-bbox="739 808 1915 977" style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the building will be restricted to essential personnel and students. • “Stop the Spread” signs will be placed inside and outside the office lobby and other key entrances. • Periodic temperature checks will be conducted. • Office area will be sanitized periodically throughout the day.

VISITORS	PROCEDURE
<p style="text-align: center;">Visitors</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual meetings are encouraged. • Specific waiting areas will be designated for essential meetings/visitors. • Parents/Visitors must have an appointment to meet with the principal or other staff member. Temperature checks and use of mask will be required upon arrival, and visitors will be required to wait in a designated area. • Visitors will not be allowed in the building unless they have previously scheduled an appointment. • Parents will not be allowed to walk students to class. • Non-essential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations will be very limited.
PRACTICING PREVENTION	PROCEDURE
<p style="text-align: center;">General Preventative Measures</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper hygiene measures will be taught, reinforced, and encouraged (i.e. proper and frequent hand washing, frequent use of hand sanitizer, properly covering coughs and sneezes, keeping hands away from mouths). • Hand sanitizing stations and no-touch door openers will be provided throughout the school, focusing on high-traffic areas. • Signage will be posted in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to “Stop the Spread”, recognize COVID-19 symptoms, implement preventative measures (including staying home when sick), practice good hygiene, and other school/district specific protocols. • Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the school day. • Students and staff will be permitted to bring hand sanitizer and facemasks/coverings from home. • Deep cleaning of schools will be conducted prior to students/staff returning. Periodic cleanings will be scheduled during weekends or school holidays/breaks. <p>Handwashing COVID Signs https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/hand-hygiene.html</p>

Restrooms



- Restrooms will be deep cleaned frequently.
- Restrooms will be properly stocked with hand towels, toilet paper and hand sanitizing soap.
- Restroom protocols will be modified to encourage social distancing.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

Water Fountains



- Schools will install water-fill stations to provide water to students.
- Students will be encouraged to bring water bottles.

Clean / Disinfect



Frequently touched items will be cleaned/disinfected throughout the day:

Frequently Touched Areas such as:

- Doorknobs
- Tables
- Light Switches
- Countertops
- Handles
- Desks
- Toilets
- Faucets/Sinks
- Technology (e.g. Touch Screens, Computer Monitors, Copy Machines, Keyboards, Telephones)

Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines

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Cleaning and Disinfecting Technology

<https://ehs.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/covid-19-cleaning-computers-electronics.pdf>


Face Coverings








- Masks are strongly encouraged for all students and staff members and will be provided as needed.
- Students and/or staff members who are unable to maintain safe social distancing will be strongly encouraged to wear facemasks.
- All masks must adhere to the current dress code outlined in the student's handbook.
- Administration and teachers will provide instructions for proper use of face covers and/or masks.



CDC Guidance Wearing a Mask/Face Covers

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING	PROCEDURE
<p>Classroom Setting</p> 	<p>The Jones County School System is offering a choice of two instructional models for the 2020-2021 school year. Digital learning is an integral part of student learning in any instructional setting, and training and support will be provided for all stakeholders to ensure student success at all levels.</p> <p>OPTION 1: TRADITIONAL FACE-TO-FACE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The master schedule will be used to balance class numbers as much as possible – remove unused desks and furniture from classrooms; maximize social distancing (to the extent practicable). • Distance between all seating will be increased to the extent possible. • Students will be permitted to carry their personal belongings and use their own learning supplies, rather than shared supplies. • Use of digital platforms will continue to enhance traditional instruction for all students (Grades K-2: SeeSaw; Grades 3-12: Microsoft Teams). • Staff schedules may be altered to support additional needs. <p><u>TEMPORARY DISTANCE LEARNING</u> (If Face-to-Face is not Possible, students transition to Distance Learning.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher-led online instruction takes place through an online platform (Grades K-2: SeeSaw; Grades 3-12: Microsoft Teams). • Participation is mandatory. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assignments will be graded. ○ Attendance will be recorded. • Weekly interaction between teachers and students is expected. <p>OPTION 2: AT-HOME VIRTUAL LEARNING THROUGH JONES COUNTY VIRTUAL ACADEMY (JCVA) INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 Instruction is delivered through an online curriculum program. • Internet access is required to access the JCVA curriculum. • Learning is supported by a Learning Coach provided by the family. • JCVA Facilitators monitor student attendance and progress according to requirements detailed in the JCVA Student Handbook.

TRANSITIONING	PROCEDURE
<p data-bbox="199 175 562 240">Transitioning (class change / departure)</p> 	<p data-bbox="697 175 865 207"><u>Elementary</u></p> <ul data-bbox="739 214 1915 451" style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional time will be allocated for travel within the building. • Multiple entrances will be used for student drop off. • Students will dismiss by grade level, and car pick up stations are designated to promote distancing. • Flexible breakfast options shall be offered. • Staggered lunch schedules will be implemented. • Bathroom schedules will be modified to promote social distancing. <p data-bbox="697 516 991 548"><u>Middle / High School</u></p> <ul data-bbox="739 555 1969 896" style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell schedules will be altered to reduce numbers of students in hallways. • High School drivers should not arrive prior to 7:30 a.m. • Hallway traffic flow paths will be followed during transitions. • Flexible breakfast options shall be offered. • Alternating groups will be served in the cafeteria and the classroom to decrease the number of students in the cafeteria at any given time and allow more physical distancing. • Middle school students will access lockers during designated times. • High School students will not use lockers. • Bathroom schedules will be modified to promote social distancing. • Locker room access for PE classes will be limited.
<p data-bbox="214 977 541 1010">Recess/Student Breaks</p> 	<p data-bbox="688 993 856 1026"><u>Elementary</u></p> <ul data-bbox="739 1032 1873 1133" style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable distancing will be promoted. • Classes will use assigned areas of the playground. • Staggered scheduling will be used to limit the number of students on the playground. <p data-bbox="688 1172 898 1205"><u>Middle School</u></p> <ul data-bbox="739 1211 1831 1269" style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable distancing will be promoted. • Staggered scheduling will be used to limit the number of students in break areas.

CONDUCTING LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS	PROCEDURE
<p data-bbox="142 212 619 277">Large Group Gatherings at School (PTO / Booster Clubs/ PLC's, etc.)</p> 	<ul data-bbox="737 237 1944 402" style="list-style-type: none"> • Large gathering opportunities will be prevented and/or limited. • Virtual meetings are encouraged to limit large-group meetings, including Professional Learning Communities. • Clubs and student organizations will follow CDC guidelines, adhering to school health and safety guidance for after-school meetings
<p data-bbox="291 594 466 623">Open House</p> 	<ul data-bbox="726 618 1929 683" style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person, schoolwide events or large gatherings will not be scheduled until further notice. • Elementary, Middle, and High schools will conduct virtual Open House events.
<p data-bbox="317 943 441 972">Athletics</p> 	<ul data-bbox="737 964 1776 1029" style="list-style-type: none"> • School District will adhere to Georgia High School Association Guidelines. • Jones County Athletics will implement electronic tracking of ticket purchases.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS	PROCEDURE
<p data-bbox="142 207 613 240">Protecting Vulnerable Populations</p> 	<ul data-bbox="739 230 1978 370" style="list-style-type: none"> • Jones County School System provides a virtual learning option through Jones County Virtual Academy for any student. • Medical documentation will be required from staff considering themselves vulnerable. • Jones County School System will adhere to FERPA/HIPAA requirements.
WHEN SOMEONE BECOMES SICK	PROCEDURE
<p data-bbox="100 613 655 678">When a Student, Staff Member, or Visitor becomes sick at school</p> 	<ul data-bbox="739 636 1957 841" style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation rooms or areas will be established to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms. • School nurses will use <i>Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions</i> when caring for sick people. • Local health officials, staff, and families will be notified immediately of a possible case while maintaining confidentiality. <p data-bbox="688 873 898 906">CDC Guidance</p> <p data-bbox="688 912 1591 945">https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics/standard-precautions.html</p> <p data-bbox="688 961 1726 993">https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics/transmission-based-precautions.html</p>

For additional information, go to

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