

Johnson County Central Public Schools
Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

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*(Southeast District Health Department will be the primary resource for aiding JCC in any viral outbreak related decisions.)

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER), Johnson County Central Public Schools has developed the following plan for safe return to school. In order to receive ARP ESSER funds, JCC must address the following areas:

a) Universal and correct wearing of masks.

The use of masks or facial coverings is optional at all times for JCC students, staff and visitors. Should the use of masks be needed at any point throughout the 2021-2022 school year, JCC staff will instruct students on the proper situations to use masks and their proper fitting.

b) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing.

Should conditions facilitate the need for physical distancing at JCC, all staff are prepared to organize student spaces to allow for appropriate distancing.

c) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

Students at JCC are regularly taught appropriate sanitary practices. All lavatory spaces are equipped with instructive posters for proper handwashing procedures.

d) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

JCC employs a full team of custodial staff to ensure clean, healthy facilities. The sanitation of classrooms is taught to students and staff who also help in sanitation efforts. Up-to-date HVAC systems are in place with regular maintenance of air filters.

e) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.

Health regulations and recommendations concerning isolation and/or quarantine will be taken into account for each individual case at JCC, as well as clinical advice from family practitioners.

f) Diagnostic and screening testing.

In the event of a symptomatic student or staff member, JCC health services will implement current health/illness protocols and policy.

g) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

JCC health services and administration will cooperate with the SEDHD to determine if and when a vaccine shot clinic is warranted. JCC staff will help organize vaccination efforts and requests by students, staff and patrons.

h) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies.

Any health and safety concerns for students with disabilities will be addressed through decisions made by the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Team.

i) Coordination with State and local health officials. Including the needs for support and technical assistance to implement strategies consistent to the greatest extent practicable, with relevant CDC guidance.

JCC will continue to partner with SEDHD through weekly meetings as well as clinical advice from local family practitioners. Communication with local family practitioners will be done on an “as needed” basis.