

Jordan Public Schools

Safe Return to School Plan 2024-25

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Introduction

This plan is designed to create a framework for onsite educational services that is as safe as possible, while providing a high quality educational experience for our students. The social, emotional, and physical health of our students is very important and must be addressed in the most effective way possible for the long term success and health of all. We strive to impart resilience, critical thinking, and a bold outlook on the future, while providing safeguards against illness to the extent that is reasonable and prudent. The intent of this plan is to single out measures that will significantly reduce contact with and spread of COVID 19, while we return to our primary function – providing high quality educational services for all of our students. We hope to mitigate the spread of COVID 19 when/if it is discovered by having in place: plans for functioning under a short-term quarantine, isolation area for the sick, return to school protocols, and off site services. All directives within this plan are subject to change, as the regulatory interests of the state and county evolve with the COVID 19 outbreak.

Timeline

This revision of this plan will take place at the November 21, 2023 meeting of the Unified Board of Trustees. Upon passage of the revised plan, following public input, the plan will be posted to the school website.

Attendance

Our current attendance policy allows 8 absences in each of the 2 semesters before credit is forfeited. This policy will remain in effect for as long as students are attending full time onsite classes. Any students that become ill with COVID and are off-site will continue to have attendance taken via off site service unless they become too sick to participate. Those that participate in an offsite services will be required to attend the classes at the time of streaming unless another option has been arranged with the teacher or they are too ill to do so. Should another schedule be adopted due to increased COVID 19 cases in the area or other unforeseen circumstance, attendance will be adjusted accordingly?

Cleaning/Disinfecting

Each day, at the close of the school day, janitorial staff will clean/disinfect all surfaces that are regularly touched (desks, door knobs, pencil sharpeners, doors, lockers, etc.). All elementary students will be asked to wash their hands any time they re-enter the classroom. High School students will be encouraged to utilize hand sanitizer and wash their hands regularly.

Offsite Instruction

These services may be offered, situationally, at the scheduled class time and will be subject to the attendance policy that is in place.

Masks/PPE

Masks will not be required at any time. Those that choose to wear masks will be allowed to wear them at any and all times that they feel it prudent.

Sick Students/Staff

Any student that presents with a fever/not feeling well will have their temperature taken with the touchless thermometer and will be made comfortable until parents arrive to pick them up, if it is found that they have a fever or they are too sick to stay at school. If a staff member or student is tested positive for COVID 19, they will be required to follow current protocols from county health authorities for safely returning to school/work.

Sports

Jordan Public Schools will adhere to MHSA guidance for all HS sports. Cancellation of games and practices will be done with the consultation of the Board of Trustees and local health authorities, in the event of situational changes in the numbers of COVID 19 cases. JH and Elementary sports rules will be established by school administration and the Board of Trustees with the current state of COVID 19 cases in mind.

Bus Routes/Transportation

Busses will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Social Distancing

Classrooms will be organized to allow the most possible space between desks, while maintaining room for each student that must take the class.

Offsite Format

All staff have been trained in the use of Google Classroom. This will be the school wide format for delivery of material and collecting assignments for those that are out of school for whatever reason in the future. Each student has access to a school provided computer, in order to best facilitate off-site learning endeavors. Video conferencing may be used by the teacher to provide instruction to the students in some situations.

Public Input

As with all policy considered by the Unified Board of Trustees, the Safe Return to Onsite Services will be heard before an open public meeting of the Board. All public input will be considered and weighed prior to passage of the plan. The plan will be publicly available to all stakeholders on the school website upon passage.

Practicability Analysis

All procedures will undergo a cost/benefit analysis prior to implementation. Those procedures found to be impracticable due to a compliance burden that is greater than the potential benefit, will not be implemented by Jordan Public Schools. Additionally, in considering CDC guidance going forward, the district will also look to state and local guidance in regard to the localized effects of COVID 19. Those guidelines that are not in keeping with the conditions that exist in our district will be modified in such a way as to better provide educational services to our student body while also addressing the health concerns of our staff and stakeholders.