



# District Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

## Onward, Together

Jefferson County Board of Education  
December 15, 2020

# Guiding Principles

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

We commit to doing everything possible to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and community. Every decision we make will be in accordance with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Kentucky Department for Public Health, Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness (LMDPHW), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for reopening schools.



## HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTION

We commit to providing our students with high-quality instruction across all platforms in order to ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn and grow.



## FLEXIBILITY

We commit to remaining flexible in these highly uncertain times. We will be ready to adapt to new public health circumstances in accordance with expert guidance in order to safeguard our students, staff, and community.



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## **EQUITY**

We commit to fostering an environment that supports the emotional health of our students, with a focus on removing barriers and building a system that equips all students with the tools to be successful.



## **ACCURATE AND TIMELY COMMUNICATION**

We commit to ensuring that students, employees, and families have the information they need to remain safe, and we will keep all stakeholders up to date with important information throughout the school year.



## **COMMUNITY TRUST**

We commit to building community trust through our actions. Every decision will be made with all stakeholders in mind and will be guided by students, employees, families, and experts.

On November 18th, the Board postponed all activity in the winter sports from November 20 through December 13 in congruence with the Governor's order issued that same day.

The cessation applied to all indoor interscholastic sports at all school levels, including but not limited to basketball, bowling, competitive cheer, dance, indoor track and field, swimming, and wrestling.

By confirming its decision from November 18th, each of these sports and sport-activities will be permitted to resume activity on Monday.



# Athletics

Taken directly from KHSAA website

The Board of Control conducted a special meeting on Dec. 10, upholding its earlier decision by a 12-5 vote to begin practice for winter sports on Dec. 14th and regular-season competition on Jan. 4th.

Prior to confirming the start of the winter sports season, the Board voted 12-5 to push back the dates for the boys' and girls' Sweet 16® to March 29-April 8 after narrowly defeating other alternative dates, with the event schedule and format to be finalized at a later date in consultation with Rupp Arena.



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# KHSAA Winter Sports Schedule

JCPS has delayed the start of winter sports and recommends looking at data after January 1 before making further decisions

Sport or Sport-Activity	First Official Practice	First Official Contest	Number of Contests	Length of Season	Max Contests Per Week (1)	First Day of Postseason	Postseason Ends (week of)
Basketball	12/14/2020	1/4/2021	30	10 weeks	4	3/15/2021	4/5/2021
Wrestling	12/14/2020	1/4/2021	15	10 weeks	3	3/15/2021	3/22/2021
Swimming and Diving	12/14/2020	1/4/2021	15	13 weeks	3	4/5/2021	4/19/2021
Bowling	12/14/2020	1/4/2021	N/A	9 weeks	N/A	3/8/2021	3/22/2021
Dance	12/14/2020	1/4/2021	N/A	TBD	N/A	TBD	TBD
Cheer	12/14/2020	1/4/2021	N/A	TBD	N/A	TBD	TBD

*Schedule taken from KHSAA website*

# Vaccines

- **Planning for proposed Rollout to Staff**
- **Coordinating for flexibility in rollout depending on numbers of vaccines received**
- **Working on rollout plan with Health Department**

# Vaccine Rollout

- Planning with Health Department for potential drive through event
- Receive first shipment of Vaccine
- Hold drive-through event for first set of employees
- 21 days later hold event for the booster
- Approximately two weeks after booster administered, open school for selected groups of primary students
- Repeat cycle as many time times as needed



## **Governor's Updates: Healthy at School**

- Adjustments of orange and red county recommendations
- Every school must provide meaningful virtual options that cannot negatively impact students' GPA, class rank, ability to take Advanced Placement classes, or any other educational opportunity or recognition
- Accommodate all educators who fall into a high-risk category with virtual options
- Healthy@School guidelines will be mandatory starting Jan. 4, 2021
- KDPH recommends returning to in-person learning no sooner than Jan. 11, 2021
- Continued daily reporting

# Feedback and Questions

