

District Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Onward, Together

Jefferson County Board of Education
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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.

Vaccines: Info from KY Dept. for Public Health

(<https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-covid-vaccine>)

State Program

Doses Received in KY

226,175

Doses Administered Statewide

143,560

Vaccine Rollout

(From Governor's press release 12.28.2020)

Population Groups

Phase 1a

Long term care facility residents/workers

Assisted living facility residents/staff

Healthcare personnel in clinical settings
(inpatient, outpatient, dental, home-based)

Phase 1b

Persons 70 or older

First Responders

K-12 School Personnel


Employees

- Responding to survey: 14,784
- Requesting the vaccination: 12,884 (about 87%)
- Declining: 1,900
- Employees who did not complete the survey will be counted as declining the vaccine.

**Vaccines:
JCPS
Employee
Responses**

- **JCPS vaccines begin January 22**
- **1200 employees a day**
- **Employees from same School/Department will be scheduled together**
- **Buses will be available at sites for those who need transportation**

Vaccines

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- **Schedule is constructed in alphabetical order with a few exceptions to ensure there are 1200 a day**
 - **Substitutes and other support personnel will be scheduled after elementary schools**
 - **Middle and high will follow elementary**

Vaccines

GREEN	YELLOW	ORANGE	RED
<p>Minimal Community Transmission "On Track" < 1 CASES/100,000 PEOPLE DAILY <i>In Person or Remote Learning</i></p>	<p>Increased Community Transmission "Community Spread" >1-10 CASES/100,000 PEOPLE DAILY <i>In Person or Remote Learning</i></p>	<p>Heightened Community Transmission "Accelerated" >10-25 CASES/100,000 PEOPLE DAILY <i>Hybrid or Remote Learning</i></p>	<p>Substantial Community Transmission "Critical" >25 CASES/100,000 PEOPLE DAILY <i>More Aggressive Hybrid; Consider Remote Learning</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Maintain best health practices for social distancing, mask use, handwashing, and sanitation per Healthy At Schools Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best Practices for Kentucky Schools (K-12) ➢ Encourage small group cohorts in classrooms for in person instruction to reduce transmission ➢ Cancel field trips/assemblies or other large group activities ➢ Adhere to Governor's current guidance regarding group gatherings ➢ Encourage the school community to actively continue COVID-19 safety guidelines ➢ Limit any nonessential visitors, volunteers and activities who are not from the local geographic area, e.g., community, town, city, county ➢ At any level, if an outbreak is determined by the LHD, guidance may be provided to close a classroom or individual school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Maintain best health practices for social distancing, mask use, handwashing, and sanitation per Healthy At Schools Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best Practices for Kentucky Schools (K-12) ➢ Encourage small student cohorts in classrooms for in person instruction to reduce transmission ➢ Cancel field trips/assemblies or other large group activities ➢ Adhere to Governor's current guidance regarding group gatherings ➢ Local officials, school administrators and public health leaders will coordinate additional mitigation needed ➢ Address with school community need to actively engage in heightened safety precautions to prevent ongoing cases or school closure ➢ At any level if an outbreak is determined by the LHD, guidance may be provided to close a classroom or individual school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Assure highest level of best health practices for social distancing, mask use, handwashing, and sanitation per Healthy At Schools Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best Practices for Kentucky Schools (K-12) ➢ Consider implementing a hybrid learning model that reduces the volume of students and educators in school facilities. ➢ Cancel field trips/assemblies or other large group activities ➢ Adhere to Governor's current guidance regarding group gatherings ➢ Local officials, school administrators and public health leaders should collaborate to implement aggressive mitigation measures both in schools and in communities ➢ Encourage school community to aggressively engage in safety precautions to prevent increase in cases resulting in school closure ➢ If the decision is made to move to remote learning, schools may bring small groups of students into the building to receive targeted services that supplements learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ All students and staff entering facility must practice best health practices for social distancing, mask use, handwashing, and sanitation per Healthy At Schools Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best Practices for Kentucky Schools (K-12) ➢ Implement more aggressive hybrid model to further reduce volume of students and educators in school facilities ➢ Consider suspension of in person instruction activities until a lower level is achieved at a future weekly decision point ➢ If classes are suspended, activate remote learning for all learners ➢ If classes are suspended, consider a mix of student support services, including meals, student transportation and mental education services ➢ Community-wide meetings are encouraged to fully engage all leaders and citizens to halt disease spread and return the community to Orange, Yellow, or Green Level at a future weekly checkpoint to maintain in person learning
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Continued Evaluation of Mode of Instruction Metrics and Possible Return to School

Plans for Return

KDE and the State Department of Health created guidelines for district plans in the following areas:

- **Personal Protective Equipment**
- **Social Distancing**
- **Screening and Exclusion**
- **Sanitation and the Environment**
- **Contact Tracing**

These can be found on the JCPS website

School Specific Plans

Schools have created plans for:

- **Arrival and Dismissal**
- **Breakfast and Lunch**
- **Classrooms**
- **Common Areas**
- **Health/Isolation Rooms**

These can be found on the JCPS website

Winter Sports Option

- January 20 - Practice begins
- February 1- Games begin
- Revisit as data changes



Athletics

Feedback and Questions

