



A NEW WAY FORWARD

Update Regarding the 2022-23 School Year

Jefferson County Board of Education
July 19, 2022

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 physical, emotional and social 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.

Resource Changes

We no longer have **access to federal/grant funding** which means we **must revise the way we implement COVID-19 mitigation strategies**.

- Rockefeller Foundation Grant started 9/1/2020 and allowed testing of students at community learning hubs.
- August 2021: Rockefeller funding allowed us to expand testing to all JCPS locations.
- Rockefeller and ARPA funds paid for district-wide testing until **June 3, 2022**.

Loss of funding impacts mitigation strategies including:

- **Vendor testing** (50+ drive through test sites and district-wide asymptomatic screening testing for students/staff)

Masking

CONTINUE to follow CDC/KDPH Guidance including:

When community levels are classified as high, schools should continue to implement all layers of prevention strategies including:

- Universal masking for all students and staff indoors and on buses.
- Cohorting classrooms and limit mixing between students when indoors, where possible

When community levels are medium or low, schools do not need to implement indoor universal masking in school settings or on buses.

Follow CDC/KDPH Guidance including:

Schools should continue to maintain the following baseline prevention strategies:

- Encourage students and staff to remain up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations.
- **Ensure 5-day isolation plus 5-day masking for individuals with COVID-19.**
- Instruct sick individuals to stay home.
- Promote on-site testing programs for sick or exposed persons.
- Recommend 10 days of masking and testing for asymptomatic persons exposed to COVID-19.
- Eligible persons exposed to COVID-19 should participate in Test to Stay modified quarantine.
- Telecommuting options are available for employees well enough to work.

Isolation and Quarantine

From Updated CDC
Guidance (5/27/22)

Quarantine and Contact Tracing

The Healthy at School Officer will work with District Health Services staff to **facilitate contact tracing**.

Persons up to date on COVID vaccinations will **not need to quarantine if not having symptoms**.

The **Test to Stay program** will be available for those students and staff who are not up to date on COVID vaccines.

JCPS will continue to notify families and staff of **confirmed positive cases**.

The public will continue to have access to the number of cases at a school or district office by **reviewing the dashboard** available on our website.

COVID Testing

Any student or staff **with proper consent** may be tested by school health services staff.

As available, tests, **including at-home tests** will be provided to students and staff who choose weekly screening testing.

A student or staff member may participate in **Test to Stay** with verified COVID-19 testing through the school nurse or other testing site.

Mitigation Efforts

- **PPE**, including masks, will continue to be available for anyone who wants them
- **Nurses** in schools
- Continued emphasis on importance of **handwashing**
- When practicable, **space** between students and staff
- Encourage **vaccinations**
- Improve **ventilation** where possible

FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS