



Ready for Learning Committee Plan for Continued Operations for the 2020-2021 School Year

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CURRENT GUIDANCE

Link to [Arkansas Department of Health Current Guidance](#)

MASKS

During a regularly scheduled meeting on March 15, 2021, the Jasper School District Board of Education voted unanimously to no longer require masks at school if the Governor lifted the mask mandate. Prior to the board action, the entire Jasper School District staff were surveyed regarding mask-wearing. From that survey, over 80% of the 123 respondents indicated that they did not think that masks should still be required if the state mandate was dismissed. On March 30, 2021, Governor Hutchinson lifted the state mask mandate. Therefore, as of March 31, 2021, the Jasper School District staff and students have no longer been required to wear masks at school. However, everyone has the option of wearing a mask anytime they choose.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

The Jasper School District will continue social distancing of 6 feet between adults, as well as adults and students, in common areas, during activities with increased inhalation like sports or band practice (which will preferably be held outside), and in community settings outside the classroom.

If both parties voluntarily choose to wear masks, the physical distancing can be reduced from 6 feet to 3 feet.

RESPONDING TO CONFIRMED POSITIVE CASES

The Jasper School District will continue to respond to confirmed cases within the school district. The following information will be taken into consideration by our district Point of Contact (POC) to determine who needs to quarantine and the length of the quarantine period:

- A fully vaccinated individual does not stay home following close contact exposure to a test-confirmed individual if they have been fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks prior to the exposure.
- Individuals who previously have had COVID-19 and recovered and are within 3 months of their original diagnosis will not have to quarantine.
- Individuals who have been identified as close contacts to a person who tested positive with COVID-19 will not be required to quarantine if both the confirmed and exposed individuals were properly masked during the time of exposure.
- Individuals who are not wearing a mask and have been in close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) to a person who has positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for the length of time set forth by the Arkansas Department of Health hotline.

CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

To continue to provide on-site instruction, the Jasper School District will continue to follow the district's original Ready for Learning and District Support Plan instructional model for the remainder of the year. The document can be found at https://docs.google.com/document/d/13JnL7tf_sqMmH9gPIYBAZr5AzmmrKgH3GmPeWylrD0U/edit.

The only changes made to the plan were removing the mask requirement and cafeteria capacity. JSD will continue with screening, limiting visitors, extra cleaning/sanitation efforts, social distancing, and other supports outlined in the plan.

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, school districts must post for parents and the general public a summary of its plan for safe continuation of in-person learning and continuity of services. The JSD plan was reviewed and revised by the District's Ready for Learning Committee on April 7, 2021. It will be posted on the Jasper School District website by April 15, 2021. The District will seek public comment on the plan which will help with future decision-making efforts.

SUMMER AND BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLANNING

The Jasper School District will continue to work with the Ready for Learning Committee to determine how to proceed with summer and back-to-school activities. The committee will reconvene as needed to revise the plan prior to summer and again before school resumes in the fall to plan for safely returning to school. Any revisions to the plan will be announced, posted to the district website, and public comment will be allowed. Feedback gained through the public comment process will be shared with the committee for consideration during the planning meetings. The District will archive the posting, along with public comments, for future auditing purposes.