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Jenison Christian School COVID Protection Plan for 2021-22

The leadership team at JCS has worked closely with the CDC, Ottawa County Department of Public Health, and the EOCS to establish a protection plan for the school year as we seek to keep our staff and students physically and emotionally safe this school year. Below you will find our layers of protection that will be in place at JCS starting August 25 when we welcome back our staff and students for the new school year.

Community of Grace

We also want to continue to strive to be a community of grace as we work together through these challenging times. Grace is a cornerstone of JCS. God gives us grace, and we are called to give grace to others. I encourage all of you to provide grace to each other, and to our Board and staff, as we journey through the 2021-2022 school year, and move toward more normalcy.

Instructional Model:

To best serve our community we will continue to offer a traditional, in-person, five days per week instructional model. We believe that in-person education is key to each student at JCS as they continue to grow educationally, socially, and spiritually.

Masking:

With the January 2, 2022 rescinding of the Ottawa County Health Department Mask Order from August 20, 2021, Jenison Christian School will implement parent choice for masking of their children starting January 3rd. Masks will be required on all JCS and JPS buses regardless of vaccination status.

Distancing:

JCS will encourage students and staff to maintain social distance as much as possible to limit the need for quarantining due to exposure. We will strive to keep our students 3-6 feet apart as much as we can in the building. We will continue to cohort our students when applicable in the learning process.

Vaccination:

JCS is not requiring eligible students to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to attend school, as that vaccine is not on the list of required vaccines for Michigan students. JCS staff has the choice to be vaccinated or not against COVID.

Quarantine and Close Contact:

Positive COVID cases will have to isolate at home for 10 days. The health department has mandated contact tracing for close contacts at school, and quarantines are in effect when a close contact occurs in the household or is connected to a verified outbreak in the school. These will be handled on a case by

case basis and need to be reported to the OCDPH. Fully vaccinated staff and students will NOT need to quarantine as a close contact if they do not have symptoms.

Hygiene:

JCS will continue to focus on proper hygiene for staff and students. Frequent handwashing will be important, and all staff and students will continue to scrub in and scrub out as we enter and leave rooms.

Cleaning and Disinfecting:

Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected at least one time per day to help mitigate the spread of any viruses. The cleaning crew will continue to use approved cleaning solutions and disinfectants that are effective against COVID.

Ventilation:

JCS will continue to use ventilation as an effective measure to slow the spread of germs. We will open windows when possible, use fans in the classrooms, use outdoor learning spaces, and avoid crowded areas.

Testing:

JCS will not require daily testing of students or of our student-athletes.

Capacity Limits:

At this time, there are no capacity limits on gatherings or events held at JCS.

Drop off and Pick up:

JCS will utilize our Driveline procedures as students come and leave school while construction is still in progress. This will prevent large numbers of students gathering in areas during our morning drop off and afternoon pick up. These will occur on our new drive loop. When construction is complete, we will send information regarding parents being able to come in school and only pick up their child(ren).

Mental Health:

JCS will be working with Winning at Home to provide counseling for those students who need extra support during the school year. JCS students' physical and mental health are top priorities and we will have resources available to help meet those needs.

Closing:

The above plan is utilized at JCS to provide protection for our staff and students while at school. We understand that this protection plan is subject to change with a local outbreak, or a local, state, or federal mandate. If you have any question, please contact Joe Oosterheert, Principal, at principal@jenisonchristian.org. We appreciate your continued support, prayers, and grace for JCS!