

## Introduction

The Jim Thorpe Area School District's Health and Safety Plan outlines the steps that the district is taking to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread to the best of its abilities. The district is confident that the plan will allow for a safe environment for staff and students to return to school under the specified guidelines.

### Enhanced Cleaning Measures:

The staff will work to clean and disinfect common areas and high-traffic areas throughout the day. Additional cleaning equipment has been purchased to enhance our staff's ability to clean, sanitize and disinfect areas and surfaces.

### Social Distancing:

Classrooms, hallways, and learning spaces will be arranged to allow for social distancing of 6 ft where feasible. Use of shared materials & equipment will be minimized.

### Face Masks & Shields:

In accordance with the state order, face coverings will be required when not able to maintain a 6 ft distance between students and staff, when in transition in hallways or lunch lines. Staff will be required to wear face masks and/or shields. Students will be strongly encouraged to wear a face mask and/or face shield. Face masks and shields will be provided to those who need them.

## Key Dates

- **OLC Information Session(Zoom): 8/12/20**
- **OLC Commitment Deadline: 8/16/20**
- **Technology Distribution: 8/24/20-9/4/20**
- **First Teacher Day: 8/31/20**
- **OLC Orientation(Remote): 9/4/20**
- **First Day of School (Students): 9/8/20**

## School Day Schedule

- **JTAHS: 7:50AM-1:45PM**
- **LBM & PKC: 8:30AM-2:15PM**

**The district's intent is to open on September 8 under the Yellow Phase of the JTASD Health and Safety Plan. Please read this information sheet for details.**

### Transportation:

- Parents have the option to and are encouraged to transport their child to and from school.
- Students using the bus will be required to wear a mask.
- Students will load from the back of the bus and sit 2 per seat.
- Bus capacity will be capped at 48.
- Buses will be disinfected before and after each run.
- Increased ventilation will be done as weather permits.

### Special Education & Instructional Support:

- IEPs, GIEPs, and 504 plans will be developed & implemented.
- Title I, EL and related services will be implemented.

## Education

- Parents have the option of sending their child to school in-person or participating in the district's remote learning from home program, Olympian Learning Connection (OLC). A survey will be provided to indicate your choice.
- eBridge Academy, the district's online education partner, may be an option for some students. Contact your child's counselor.

## Grades K-5

- Students will attend school Monday through Thursday on a shortened day.
- Friday is a designated remote learning day. Students will connect with their teachers on their iPads via Google Meet as directed.

## Grades 6-12

- Students will attend school at 50% capacity, either attending in-person Monday-Tuesday for even house numbers or Wednesday-Thursday for odd house numbers.
- When designating students for their cohort days, all efforts will be made to keep family members together by household using the physical address house number on record.
- Students will connect to their classes via Google Meet on their assigned remote learning days on their normal school day schedule.
- Friday is a designated remote learning day for all students.



