



August 25, 2021

Dear Jasper ISD Parents and Guardians:

As many of you know, several school districts have had to temporarily shut down due to COVID-19 cases. As of now we have been fortunate and are able to remain operational. Our intention is to remain open, and we are using all of our means to accomplish this. We will continue to sanitize daily all schools and buses and encourage effective hygiene practices and social distancing. We want to share some areas which you can help your student and the district in this regard. We encourage you to follow the guidelines below in helping us manage the spread of COVID-19.

- Prior to sending your child to school, screen your child for COVID-19 symptoms. If your child is sick or displays symptoms that are not normal, please keep your child at home and you are encouraged to contact your physician.
- If your child is COVID-19 positive, please keep your child at home and contact your child's campus nurse.
- If someone in your household has been diagnosed with COVID-19, it is strongly suggested that others in the household quarantine and remain home from school. These absences will be excused. A parent note will suffice to excuse up to eight absences. For absences in excess of eight days, we will need additional documentation. Please take this precaution to help us by keeping students home in any case of possible exposure.
- We will notify parents/guardians of students if an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 was present on their child's campus. Please take extra precaution and monitor your child's symptoms closely if you receive one of these letters. If you notice any symptoms, please keep your child at home. Eight absences will be excused with a parent note.
- Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently and to practice respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes). Hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms, however you may send a bottle from home for age appropriate students.
- Masks are strongly encouraged. By wearing a mask, you will protect yourself and others. Jasper ISD is not requiring masks, but we do strongly encourage them to be worn by students and staff.
- We ask for your patience; as we are updating protocols as new TEA guidelines are put out. We have begun testing staff in certain situations and our JISD Health Team has been trained.

Our goal is to keep all of our Jasper ISD community safe and healthy while remaining open for our students. Thank you for your efforts of helping us strive for this goal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's campus.

Sincerely,

John Seybold
Jasper ISD Superintendent