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1) Will JCSD require students or staff members to wear masks at school?

No, unless mandated by law, neither students nor staff members will be required to wear a mask at school; however, it will be optional.

2) Are students going to return to school?

Yes, students will return to school August 5th. Teachers will return August 2nd. We are not offering virtual learning; however, the computer can be an educational tool when students are at home.

3) What type of schedule will Jackson County School District follow?

JCSD will follow a traditional schedule where students will be physically present in school in an environment as close to normal as possible while following federal, state, and local mandates related to COVID-19.

- 4) How will my student's school provide a safe and healthy learning environment?
 - Partnership with local health agencies
 - Coastal Family Health Center is available on-site with no out-of-pocket cost
 - Thermometers in each classroom used as necessary
 - Hand washing/sanitizing stations throughout school buildings as needed
 - Continued sanitizing protocols in classrooms, bathrooms, buses, and other areas to prevent the spread of any illness, including COVID-19
 - Ongoing monitoring
- 5) Will students and staff members be required to take the COVID-19 vaccine before returning to school?

No, neither students nor staff members will be required to take the COVID-19 vaccine before returning to school. Receiving the vaccine is a personal/family choice.

6) Will athletics and extra-curricular activities resume as normal?

Based on MHSAA recommendations and guidelines, athletics and extra-curricular activities will resume as normal.

- 7) What will happen if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 after school starts?
 - The school district will follow all federal, state, and local mandates related to students and staff members who test positive for COVID-19.
 - In-person learning will continue for other students in his/her class.
 - A student or staff member who tests positive will follow directives given by his/her medical care provider.

8) What will happen to students or staff members who show symptoms of COVID-19?

Students and staff members who show symptoms of COVID-19 will be referred to the school nurse for evaluation of symptoms.

9) If a household member of a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, what will happen?

The student or staff member will follow directives given by his/her medical care provider. Absences for students will only be excused with documentation from a medical provider.

10) Will I be notified if my child is directly exposed to COVID-19?

Yes, school officials will communicate to parents if their child is directly exposed to COVID-19. COVID-19 cases will be regularly reported via the district website.

11) Will student exemptions be tied to COVID-19 absences?

Yes, exemptions will be tied to COVID-19 absences per district exemption policy.