



2021-2022 Protocols

Subject to change as needed.

Masks

- *Masks are required for adults and children*
- *All visitors are required to wear masks on campus.*

Classrooms and Hallways

- *Classrooms will continue to be set up so that desks are the recommended distance of 3' apart.*
- *Lockers will be in use.*
- *Grade levels will continue to be organized in cohorts to prevent crossover transmission between divisions.*
- *Lunch will continue to be served outside.*

Contact Tracing and Exclusion from School

- *Exclusion from school for confirmed positive COVID-19 cases will be based on contact tracing between individuals who are confirmed positive and those in direct contact with them according to CDC guidelines.*
- *Contact tracing will be performed by the School Nurse and Task Force as needed.*
- *Rapid COVID-19 tests will be offered to anyone one in close contact with a positive case.*
- *See instructions below for Non-vaccinated and Fully Vaccinated individuals who experience symptoms, are considered to have close-contact with a positive case, and who test positive for COVID-19.*
- *COVID-19 screening will be posted outside of the school. The information is included below.*

Visitors, Food, and Events

- *Visitors will be permitted on campus provided that TJS positivity rates remain low.*
- *Teachers and parents may send food and snacks for classes. Food and snacks should be store bought and covered or individually wrapped.*





COVID-19 Screener

If you can answer “Yes” to any of these questions, please refrain from entering the building. Parents must obtain clearance from Mary Feak, RN before their child is permitted back on campus.

Symptoms

- ✓ *Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth*
- ✓ *Sore throat*
- ✓ *New cough or a change from baseline cough*
- ✓ *Difficulty breathing*
- ✓ *Gastrointestinal upset (diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain)*
- ✓ *New onset of severe headache*
- ✓ *New loss of taste or smell*
- ✓ *Chills or acute muscle aches*

Close Contact/Potential Exposure

- ✓ *Had close contact with a person confirmed or presumed positive for COVID-19 (according to CDC guidelines)*
- ✓ *Recent travel to an area where the health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases*

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- ❖ *Masks are required for all individuals in the building while students are present.*
 - ❖ *Masks are optional outside during recess and PE.*



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Guidance for Non-Vaccinated

Individual with a positive COVID-19 test result:

- Individual found to have COVID-19 and begins home isolation.
- School Nurse starts a list of close contacts of the ill student(s) and informs staff, parents, guardians, or caregivers of close contacts of possible exposure.
- School Nurse works with local health officials to assess spread and support follow up with staff, parents, guardians, or caregivers of student(s) that had contact with the ill student(s).
- Parents, guardians, or caregivers of close contacts are advised to keep their children home (quarantine according to local health department requirements) and to consult with the student(s)' healthcare provider for evaluation and possible COVID-19 test.
- Members of the ill student(s)' household and staff who had close contact with the student are advised to quarantine according to local health department requirements.
- The ill student(s) can return to school and end isolation once the following are met:
 - 10 days out from the start of the symptoms, AND
 - Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, AND
 - Symptoms have improved.

Individual has a negative COVID-19 test result:

- Individual returns to school following existing school illness management policies.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/student-becomes-sick-diagnosis-flowchart.html>

Guidance for Fully Vaccinated

Individual with a positive COVID-19 test result:

- Wear a mask in all settings if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission.
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Get tested 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result.
- Isolate if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior 10 days or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Follow any applicable federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>





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	Non-Vaccinated	Vaccinated
Symptoms	<p>May not be at school with symptoms unless symptoms are improving, and the individual has been cleared by Nurse Mary (see below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Quarantine at home for 10 days •May return on the 10th day following exposure with a negative PCR/NAAT test result from day 5 or later OR may return on day 14 without testing •Must continue to monitor for symptoms through day 14, eat separately, & remain masked at all times (indoors and outdoors, unless eating) <p>Clearance Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fever >100.3, new or worsening cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, runny nose, congestion, chills, body aches—require negative test (rapid antigen is OK- but only an official lab report; home test or doctor's note is insufficient) •Fever, vomiting, and diarrhea preclude from attendance for 24 hours following the last episode (regardless of test result) 	<p>Same protocol as non-vaccinated, with the following exception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •<u>For symptoms following vaccination</u> (with no known exposure)- no test is required unless symptom(s) persist beyond 48 hours •24-hour rule still applies for post-vaccination fever •Quarantine at home for 10 days •May return on the 10th day following exposure with a negative PCR/NAAT test result from day 5 or later OR may return on day 14 without testing •Must continue to monitor for symptoms through day 14, eat separately, & remain masked at all times (indoors and outdoors, unless eating)
Positive Test Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •With a positive COVID test and no symptoms, individuals must quarantine for 5 days. If on day 6 they remain asymptomatic and fever free, they may return, continue to remain masked at all times and eat separately from others through day 10. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •With a positive COVID test and no symptoms, individuals must quarantine for 5 days. If on day 6 they remain asymptomatic and fever free, they may return, continue to remain masked at all times and eat separately from others through day 10.
Exposure	<p>Quarantine required with or without symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Quarantine at home for 10 days •May return on the 10th day following exposure with a negative PCR/NAAT test result from day 5 or later OR may return on day 14 without testing •Must continue to monitor for symptoms through day 14, eat separately, & remain masked at all times (indoors and outdoors, unless eating) 	<p>May continue to attend school unless symptoms develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Must quarantine should symptoms develop (see above) •Testing on day 5-7 recommended but not required •Must monitor for symptoms through day 10, eat separately, and remain masked at all times (indoors and outdoors, unless eating)

Vaccinated Definition: at least 2 weeks have passed since the final dose of the series. If more than 2 months have passed following a Johnson & Johnson vaccine, they must also have had a booster. Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are viable for six months from the last dose. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>





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The priority for The Joy School is to keep students and staff safe and healthy while providing the instruction and environment to ensure the academic, social, and emotional success of our students.

The protocols that we are communicating this year have been designed with the input from the medical community, the Independent School Management Association, The National Association of Independent Schools, The Independent School Association of the Southwest, the Center for Disease Control, the American Association of Pediatrics, and our experience on campus with a successful school year.

The responsibility for the safety of our community is a top priority. We need parents, friends, and other adults to help us in the fulfillment of that goal. In addition to the protocols listed above, we ask that you work with us to mitigate transmission of the COVID-19 virus by supporting our work inside and outside of the school. This includes responsible behavior, vaccination where available, and constructive conversations about The School.

Thank you for your support and continued diligence this year. We are happy to return to school to work with you and your children and provide a fun and supportive environment where our community can thrive!