

## **Additional Guidance for JMCSS families and schools | Monday, August 9, 2021**

Although masks are not required in all schools at this time, the CDC and our local health officials recommend the use of masks at indoor public places. We will continue to monitor local COVID-19 data, as well as information and guidance from state health officials.

### **For Schools:**

- Keep documented seating charts for all classes. This will assist school nurses with contact tracing efforts and decrease the number of quarantines per class.
- Review your attendance roster in PowerSchool at the beginning of every class to ensure isolated or quarantined students are not in your class.
- Continue to social distance as much as possible.
- Students need to wash hands at the beginning of the day, prior to and after eating, before and after PE/recess and when soiled. The use of hand sanitizer is acceptable when hand washing is not possible.
- Limit group activities when possible. Document group activities if they occur and keep cohorts consistent.
- Resume temperature checks as needed.

### **For Parents:**

- Monitor your child's health daily. Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
- If your child is, or has been instructed to isolate or quarantine, it is more important than ever that they stay home. Please help us keep our community safe by being cautious and staying away, even if you think an illness could be allergies. The nurse at your school will be happy to help you talk through your symptoms.
- Cleaning hands at key times with soap and water or hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to those around you.

## **Frequently Asked Questions | August 9, 2021**

Does my child need to stay home while waiting for test results? **Yes, also if anyone in the home is awaiting a Covid test result please keep your child home as well.**

If one sibling is in quarantine, can my other child attend school? **Yes, unless both of the children were exposed to the same positive case.**

If one of my children tests positive for Covid, can my other children go to school? **Only if the other children have been fully vaccinated and are not exhibiting any signs of illness.**

If my child is vaccinated, will he still have to quarantine if exposed to a positive case? **No, if the child is fully vaccinated.**

If my child is wearing a mask, will they have to quarantine if exposed to a positive case? **Yes, at this time, unless fully vaccinated. Masks do offer a layer of protection and decrease your chances of contracting or transmitting the virus, but they are NOT 100% in protecting you or others around you.**

Should my child wear a mask during the school day? **Yes, if they attend a school that has a mandatory mask requirement in place.**

Do school guests/visitors need to wear a mask? **Yes, if in a school with a mandatory mask requirement. This includes all JMCSS staff also entering those schools.**

Will my open enrollment spot be held if I leave a magnet school and switch to JASA CyberSchool? **No. Your spot will not be held as there are other families waiting for openings at our magnet schools.**