

To: JDA Parents and Students

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Re: 2021 Re-opening protocol

After conversations with several nurses, nurse practitioners, pediatricians, DHEC doctors and cardiologists, the JDA Board of Directors has agreed with the JDA Task Force team to implement the following protocol when we re-open our campus on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

- Masks
 - All students and faculty at JDA will be required to wear a mask while inside of the building, including classrooms. Face shields will not be allowed! Lower School students will be provided with several short breaks outside (5-10 minutes) in addition to their regular recess time. During these breaks, they will be able to remove their masks.
 - Any parent who has a valid reason for his/her child to not wear a mask will be required to fill out an OPT-OUT form which will be provided by the Board.
- Car Drop-Off
 - Students will be dropped off as planned at the beginning of the year and have their temperature checked upon entering the building. Tardy students will have their temperature checked in their respective offices.
 - Students will go directly **INTO THEIR CLASSROOM** and immediately go to their assigned seat. No students should be lined up in the hallway!
 - Along with the mask requirement, desks have been spaced 3 feet apart to allow for maximum safety.
 - Desks will be wiped down and sanitized between classes.
- Lunch
 - All lunches will be served in the classrooms until further notice. Please do not send any microwavable meals to be “cooked” at school. These meals need to be prepped and cooked at home; we will allow students to heat them up at lunchtime. *This needs to be done even when we return to the cafeteria.
- Dismissal
 - K3 & K4 will be dismissed from the Pre-School house starting at 2:40. Children of JDA teachers will stay until 3:05.
 - K5 will be dismissed at 2:40 from the LS front doors.
 - THIS IS A NEW DISMISSAL TIME!
 - 1st grade, along with the other students in their carpool, will be dismissed at 3:05 from the LS front doors.

- 2nd – 6th will dismiss from the gym walkway as usual.
- 7th – 12th will dismiss as usual.
- Additional Protocol
 - No visitors will be allowed in our classrooms or buildings until further notice.
 - No Chapel until further notice.
 - After School Care will continue as planned with students continuing to wear their masks. Mrs. Shaw will have one group in the library; Ms. Chew will have the other group in the music room.
 - It has been recommended that **fogging** only be done for specific areas and/or classroom(s) where we know a positive case has been within the last 24 hours.
 - We have new water fountains which will be available to fill water bottles, but not to directly drink from at this time. Students are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles **already filled from home** and labeled with their names in permanent marker.
- Symptoms
 - Parents are to monitor their children’s symptoms closely. If your child has any of the following symptoms, PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME!
 - Headache
 - Runny Nose
 - Sneezing
 - Cough
 - Fever
 - Sore Throat
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - If we see any sign of these symptoms here at school, you will be called immediately to come get your child.
 - We will not give a student any Tylenol nor ibuprofen and send him/her back to class during this contagious COVID outbreak.
 - If your child is sent home with any COVID symptoms, it is recommended that parents have their child tested if symptoms persist for more than 48 hours.
 - If symptoms persist AFTER 48 hours, we will require a negative COVID result before he/she may return to school.
 - If your child tests positive and must complete work packets at home...
 - Any **graded** work will be completed when they return to school.
 - All the work in the packet should be completed and returned when the student is cleared to return to school.

- Since we did not assign work for the first week of quarantine (August 23-26), we will have to make up these days on 4 Fridays...most probably one Friday per month...TBD

In closing, I want to thank my faculty, staff and custodians for all they have done to distance desks, create work packets, clean and sanitize our classrooms, hallways, offices and bathrooms. As far as the masks are concerned, we hope this will be a short-term requirement that may be lifted once this variant is under control. Wearing the mask, along with appropriate distancing, will aid tremendously in keeping as many students in school as possible. If all students have on a mask, only the students within 3 feet of the positive case would need to quarantine. However, if either the positive student or the surrounding student is not masked, the close definition increases to 6 feet. I truly appreciate everyone being team players so that we may create not only safe classrooms, but an environment conducive to learning during yet another pandemic.

May God continue to bless Jefferson Davis Academy!

~Sherry D. Moore