



## Jefferson Davis Academy 2020 Re-entry Plan

*The educational experiences provided by JDA will continue to be our top priority in addition to the health, safety and well-being of our students and faculty. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) strongly advocates the importance of face to face education. Social interaction gained through school is fundamental to the academic, emotional and social development of students. JDA will use current best practices to provide support to the overall health, well-being and education of students such as:*

- *JDA will open face-to-face on Monday, August 10, 2020.*
- *We are implementing the following health and safety measures. These measures include, but are not limited to:*
  - *Temperature checks of faculty and students before entering the buildings.*
  - *Hand sanitizer dispensers in every classroom and at stations throughout the campus.*
  - *Procedures to train students on hand hygiene.*
  - *Optional face masks.*
  - *Use of hospital-grade cleaning supplies from our supplier....Kamo.*
  - *Use of disinfectant fogger backpack sprayer every afternoon after the building is cleared.*
  - *With the addition of another K5 class, 1<sup>st</sup> grade class and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, as well as 3 new Upper School teachers, we will be able to provide appropriate spacing of desks in our classrooms.*
  - *We are continuously monitoring information from the CDC, DHEC, National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA), as well as state and local officials to make informed, fact-based decisions.*
- *Communicating Illness*
  - *Any positive COVID-19 test should be communicated to the Head of School. This includes, but is not limited to employees, students and household family members.*
  - *If/When a student or staff member tests positive for COVID -19, the following criteria must be followed and met in order for a student, teacher or staff member, as well as any sibling, to return to JDA's campus.*
    - *At least 14 days have passed since the date of the positive COVID-19 test.*
    - *If/When a student tests positive for COVID-19, the school will notify the parents of the students in that class that a positive test has been*

*reported. The child's name WILL NOT be released. If the student has siblings at JDA, a notification will be sent to the parents of students in those classes.*

- *If a child gets sick at school, the parent will be called and the student will be escorted to an isolated area until the parent gets to the school. Our two areas of isolation will be the Lower School back office and the cafeteria.*
- *If a household family member tests positive, those students will not be allowed to attend school until quarantined away from the infected family member for 14 days.*
- *Just one positive test will quarantine the entire family because household members are automatically considered close-contact.*
- *Per the CDC..."The virus is unlikely to spread through brief transmissions like passing in the hallways unless a cough or sneeze occurs during the interaction. Proper covering coughs or sneezes is vitally important. The guideline is that interaction must be for 15 minutes or more within 6ft for it to be considered close contact."*

#### Daily Protocol

- Morning Drop-off
  - K3-K4 students will be dropped off at the Pre-School house. Parents will need to unbuckle and get their children out of the vehicle. Each student will have their temperature taken upon arrival.
  - K5-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be dropped off at the two back gym doors as well as the walkway. Parents will need to unbuckle and get their children out of the vehicle. Each student will have their temperature taken, then go sit with their designated grade-level classes in the gym. Lower School teachers will pick up their classes from the gym and escort them to class.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be dropped off at the end door facing the student parking lot. Each student will have their temperature taken, then go to their homeroom/1<sup>st</sup> period class.
- Tardy
  - The back doors of the gym, as well as the walkway to the gym and end doors of the Upper School will be closed/locked promptly at 7:50 a.m. Any students (K5-6<sup>th</sup> grade) arriving after this time must report to the Lower School office for temperature check and tardy slip. Upper School students will report to the Upper School office for temperature check and tardy slip.
- Lower School Classrooms/Hallways
  - All desks will be spaced out and facing forward; no grouping of desks until further notice.

- It is recommended that each student have their own pencil box or other container to keep their own supplies. We are discouraging the sharing of supplies or borrowing from others until further notice.
- Teachers will monitor hallway traffic to safely transition to the restrooms, activity classes, lunch, etc.
- Water fountains **WILL NOT** be used this year. Parents are encouraged to send water bottles labeled with their child's name.
- Upper School Classrooms
  - All desks will be spaced out and facing forward; no grouping of desks until further notice.
  - August 10 – August 24: Students will remain in their first period classrooms; Upper School Teachers will change classes instead of students. (We are well aware this may have to be adjusted for a few students!)
  - Water fountains **WILL NOT** be used this year.
  - Restroom use will be closely monitored by staff.
- Lunch
  - Lunch will be delivered to ALL CLASSROOMS first nine weeks.
- Recess/Break
  - Separate grade level recesses for all students in the Lower School for first nine weeks.
  - Upper School students will be provided an outdoor break; social distancing will be in place.
- Chapel
  - Face-to-Face Chapel is postponed until 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks or until further notice. However, we will continue our daily devotions over the intercom or virtually.
- Dismissal
  - 2:45 p.m. for Preschool at the Preschool House
    - Note: if you have other Lower School students to pick up, you will drive to the **gym walkway**.  
(We will be monitoring and adjusting as needed.)
  - 2:55 p.m. for K5 in front of the Lower School office
    - Note: If you pick up other Lower School students, they will dismiss out of the **front** as well.
  - 3:05 p.m.
    - Afterschool students report to the lunchroom
    - Lower School dismiss from walkway
    - Upper School dismiss from end door nearest to student parking lot

- Please be advised that the dismissal location for Upper School car riders is new.
    - If you have a Lower School student **AND** an Upper School student, you will have two pick-up locations...the gym walkway **AND** the area by the school marquee.
    - If you only have an Upper School student who does not drive to school, they will load in the area by the school marquee, so you will not enter the loading zone by the gym. You will go down to the next street (**Sara Street**).
- Additional Information:
  - All Lower School teachers will be on morning duty in the gym **every** morning at 7:30 p.m. to receive children and provide guidance. All classes will be dismissed from the gym and escorted by their teachers to their classrooms.
  - Upper School Teachers will be on morning duty on the gym walkway as well as providing guidance and temperature checks of our the Upper School students in the Upper School building.
  - There will be **NO VISITORS** in the buildings 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks and possibly for the entire year, except for conferences.
    - No parents will be allowed to walk with their children to classes this year.
    - Note: K5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents may walk their children to the gym the first week of school.
    - All students who have early dismissal will be called and/or escorted by a faculty member to the office. (This does not apply to K3/K4 students.)
    - **NO VISITORS** will be allowed for any class parties this year. **NO BIRTHDAY PARTIES WILL BE ALLOWED AT ALL!** If you want to drop off items for lunch, classroom parties or holiday celebrations, you will need to bring these items to the Upper School Office.
- If your child has any type of upper respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat or cough, persistent muscle aches, vomiting/diarrhea and temperature registering 99° or greater, he/she will not be allowed to attend school until he/she has a doctor's excuse to return to school.
- At this point, face masks are **optional** and totally up to the parents. No one will make another person feel uncomfortable for wearing a mask or for taking additional precautions. COVID-BULLYING, in any way, shape or form, WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!
- Extensive cleaning before, during and after school will be our top priority. These tasks will be performed while classrooms are empty...during activity classes, lunch, restroom breaks, etc. Ms. Linda will have a daily chart of the time these classes as well as bathrooms are empty. Teachers are also advised to clean desk tops, door handles, pencil sharpeners, light switches, etc. during the day.

- I am asking all parents to please start practicing proper hand washing with foaming soap for 20 seconds while singing some sort of song or counting..."Happy Birthday" or 1-JDA, 2-JDA, 3-JDA

Hopefully, working together as a JDA family, we can provide some sort of normalcy within a safe, COVID-free environment conducive to learning for our wonderful JDA students this year!!!  
GO RAIDERS!!!