

Reopening Plan 2020-21



James Cole Elementary School

Return to School

Thursday, August 20, 2020

School begins on-time, in-person, five days per week.
TSC Virtual Academy option available.

Students choosing virtual learning option have committed to at least one-semester in this format.

COVID Positive Protocol

May return to school when:

- Minimum 10 days after symptoms first present or two negative tests at least 24 hours apart AND
- Fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medicine AND
- Other symptoms have ceased AND / OR
- Receive authorization to return from a medical provider.

Cleaning Protocols

Additional cleaning and disinfecting products and equipment are on-site. Safe and effective cleaning products will be used regularly throughout the day at all high touch areas such as student desks. Additional custodial help will be provided to assist in cleaning and sanitizing. A building curfew of 6:00 pm is being put in place for all academic areas so regular cleaning can take place.

Other Illnesses

Students must see a provider and be fever free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication prior to returning to school.

Health & Safety Protocols



If Sick - Stay Home

Families must screen their student before school each day. No one should enter school if they are not feeling well, have a fever, or have been in contact with anyone who is ill. Sick students at school will be directed immediately to the nurse, and a parent will be contacted.



Physical Distancing

Physical distancing will be required in all settings where/if possible. Mask-wearing may be eased in settings where adequate social distancing is in place.



Training

COVID-19 training will be provided for all teachers and staff on symptoms and screening measures.



Masks

Social distancing is a challenge at Cole. Students and staff will be required to wear a mask the majority of the time. Staff will provide opportunities for students to remove their masks at appropriate times. Masks will not be required while eating. If your child is not able to wear a mask a majority of the day, please choose the TSC Virtual Academy option. Masks should be cleaned nightly. Masks must be worn on the bus.



Divided Health Clinic Locations

There will be an area for students displaying COVID-19 symptoms who are waiting to be picked up and another area for medication distribution and routine health office visits.



Hand Washing & Sanitizing

Routine hand washing procedures will be implemented and frequently practiced throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be available in key common areas as well as in each classroom. Students are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer for personal use.

School Environment Changes

- ★ All classes will have assigned seats in the classroom and for lunch. Students and staff will be required to wear a mask majority of the time in classroom settings. The teacher will work on creating times and spaces where students can remove masks to minimize 'mask fatigue.'
- ★ A prepackaged breakfast will be available. Lunch choices will be limited and prepackaged. Students in grades K, 1, and 2 will eat lunch in the cafeteria. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will eat in the temporary lobby cafeteria which will be created each day for students.
- ★ Birthday Treats—any birthday treat brought in for student consumption must be commercially prepared individually wrapped items. Classroom Snacks—any snack provided for the entire class consumption must be in commercially prepared individual wrapped items. Individual classroom snacks may be brought by a child for personal consumption, but may not be shared with others.
- ★ Open Houses—There will not be open houses this school year. Teachers will be reaching out to parents in a variety of fashions to inform you about classroom procedures and to answer questions.
- ★ Water bottles are encouraged for all students and will be filled when needed by the classroom teacher in the classroom sink. Please have your child bring home bottle nightly to clean. Please return the bottle daily filled.
- ★ Parents, volunteers, & visitors will not be permitted until further notice. If students forget items at home, please do not bring these items to school.
- ★ Arrival and Dismissal Enter and Exit: Grades K and 1 (Door 6); Grades 2 and 3 (Lobby Door 1), Grades 4 and 5 (Door 5); Parent Drop-off and Pick-up: At the front door. Morning (8:50-9:00) Pick up (3:20-3:30). No parents inside the building.
- ★ The TSC will provide all elementary in-school and virtual students with school supplies .
- ★ When possible, our teachers will take advantage of outdoor spaces including the Outdoor Education Center to allow for social distanced learning.
- ★ Safe Harbor (Before and After School Program) will be held in the cafeteria. Parents will not be permitted inside the building to drop off and pick up students. Parents will use the intercom by Lobby Door 1. Safe Harbor personnel will bring child to the door to meet the parent.
- ★ During at least the first nine weeks of school, there will be a moratorium on events in the school building. This moratorium will include all PTO events.
- ★ Specials classes (Art, Music, and Physical Education) will occur in their designated areas. Technology Time will occur in the classroom. Library will occur once a week in the library. There will also be an additional time each week when classes will come to the library to check out additional books if needed.
- ★ Procedures will be put in place to minimize contact with others during in-school passing periods. The Three W's (Wear a mask, Wash your hands, Watch your distance) will be protocols.
- ★ Three Remote Learning Days (August 26 and Sept. 4, 21) are scheduled the first nine weeks to offer assistance with virtual learning. Students will learn virtually from home those days.

Reopening guidelines are subject to change.