

JMS Reopening Information for Students and Parents/Guardians
2020-2021

Greetings JMS Students and Families:

The Jasper Middle School Staff is excited to get the 2020-2021 School Year started! We hope you have had a safe, healthy, and relaxing summer. GJCS has shared a lot of information regarding the reopening of our schools based on information from the CDC, Indiana Department of Health, Dubois County Health Department, Governor Holcomb, and others. We encourage you to go to our corporation website or social media pages to review that information before the start of school. We also wanted to share with you some steps being taken specifically at Jasper Middle School to ensure the health and safety of students and staff during this time. This information applies to the additional considerations being taken during the "Green Stage," as identified by GJCS, and is certainly not an all-inclusive list. It is being provided to give students an opportunity to learn of some of the changes they will be encountering in order to be better prepared on the first day and for parents to get a better idea of the measures being taken at JMS specifically.

Morning Routine:

- Hand sanitizer will be required as students enter JMS.
- Face coverings will be required upon entering and until they arrive to a location where they can social distance.
- Students will be spread out in both gyms utilizing all bleacher sections.
- Students that eat breakfast will be assigned seats and will need to stay in the cafeteria the whole time.
- We will dismiss students from the cafeteria and gyms in small groups allowing for smaller numbers in halls and at lockers.

Lunch:

- Individual classes will be dismissed to the cafeteria instead of the entire grade at once.
- Students can select their own seat, but will need to stay in that seat for the first semester unless given approval by the supervisor to change location.
- Face coverings will be required until the student has returned to the table with a tray.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands before and after they eat.
- Hand sanitizer will be used before entering the serving line.
- Student ID numbers will be scanned or entered for students (no typing on keypad by student).
- Students will not self-select items on the lunch line. Students will receive each menu item and cafeteria staff will put items on trays.
- Students should not share food with other students.
- Students will be allowed to sit outside to eat when weather and supervision allows.
- Students will be dismissed to class in small groups.

Classroom:

- Students will use hand sanitizer on the way into the classroom and on the way out.
- Face coverings will be required until the teacher determines that social distancing or a specific activity allows or requires them to be removed.
- All desks will be facing the same direction and will be spaced out as much as the room allows.
- Students should enter the classroom and report directly to their seats. Some classrooms will have traffic flow patterns to be followed marked on the floor.
- Students should not share supplies.
- Teachers will use digital resources as much as possible to avoid passing out and collecting papers.
- Teachers may have class outside when weather, lesson, and time permits.

Passing periods/hallways:

- Passing periods have been extended from 4 to 6 minutes. This will allow dismissal of students from class in two shifts to reduce the number of students in the hallway and at the lockers. Students will not be allowed to use the extra time to socialize, but they can use the extra time to wash their hands or fill their water bottles.
- Face coverings are required
- Traffic flow patterns will be marked on the floor to encourage more efficient travel.
- Students will be allowed to carry backpacks in order to reduce the amount of stops at their locker.

Dismissal:

- Students will be dismissed by classrooms to limit the number of students in the hallway or at their lockers.
- Face coverings will be required until they are able to socially distance.

Daily Cleaning:

- All classrooms, gyms, locker rooms, bathrooms, office spaces, etc., will be disinfected on a daily basis.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided outside and inside of all classrooms and in other areas of the building that are utilized throughout the day.

Other Considerations:

- There will be no regular homeroom at the end of the day in order to limit the number of transitions and to utilize the minutes during the longer passing periods.
- Water bottles are allowed. Water bottle filling stations will be available in all hallways, but regular drinking fountains will be capped and unavailable for use.
- Students will be allowed to wear school-appropriate shorts due to the possibility of spending more time outside. More details regarding "school-appropriate" will be communicated to students.
- There are to be no visitors or volunteers until further notice.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.