



2022-2023 Protocols

Subject to change as needed.

Masks

- Masks are optional with the following exception:
- Masks are required to be worn indoors in cases of symptoms or exposure.
- Masks are not required at TJS. You may send your child to school with a mask knowing that they will be supported and safe at school.

Visitors, Food, and Events

- Lunch will continue to be served outside.
- Visitors will be permitted on campus.
- Tutoring and after school activities will continue as planned.
- Teachers and parents may send food and snacks for classes.

Contact Tracing and Exclusion from School

- Contact tracing will be performed by the School Nurse and Task Force as needed.
- Parents will be notified if an exposure is identified. Students will be provided with masks.
- See instructions below for individuals who experience symptoms, are considered to have close-contact with a positive case, or who test positive for COVID-19.

The Joy School's priority is to keep students and staff safe and healthy while providing the instruction and environment necessary to ensure the academic, social, and emotional success of our students.

The protocols that we are communicating have been designed with input from the medical community, the Independent School Management Association, The National Association of Independent Schools, the Independent School Association of the Southwest, the Center for Disease Control, the American Association of Pediatrics, and our experience on campus with two successful school years.

The responsibility for the safety of our community is a top priority. We need parents, friends, and other adults to help us in the fulfillment of that goal. In addition to the protocols listed above, we ask that you work with us to mitigate transmission of the COVID-19 virus by supporting our work inside and outside of the school. This includes responsible behavior, vaccination if able and available, and constructive conversations about the School.

Thank you for your support and continued diligence this year. We are happy to return to school and work with you and your children to provide a fun and supportive environment where our community can thrive!





COVID-19 Screener

If you can answer “Yes” to any of these questions, please refrain from entering the building until you have been cleared by Nurse Mary.

Symptoms

- ✓ Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
- ✓ Sore throat
- ✓ New cough or a change from baseline cough
- ✓ Difficulty breathing
- ✓ Gastrointestinal upset (diarrhea, vomiting, nausea)
- ✓ Congestion or runny nose
- ✓ New onset of severe headache
- ✓ New loss of taste or smell
- ✓ Chills or acute muscle aches

Close Contact/Potential Exposure

- ✓ Had close contact with a person confirmed or presumed positive for COVID-19 (according to CDC guidelines)

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- ❖ Individuals with improving symptoms **and** a negative test result may enter the building *with a mask* once cleared by Nurse Mary.



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Exposure	<p>May not be at school following exposure until the individual has been cleared by Nurse Mary. Clearance process is as follows:</p> <p>Option 1- May attend school if able to meet the following criteria: no symptoms and able to wear a mask consistently over nose and mouth. - Mask may be removed on day 6 provided there are no symptoms or repeat exposures.</p> <p>Option 2- Quarantine at home for 5 days. Return on day 6 with no mask requirement if there are no symptoms or repeat exposures.</p> <p>Students should stay home if symptoms develop until cleared by Nurse Mary (see next section).</p>
Symptoms	<p>May not be at school with symptoms until the individual has been cleared by Nurse Mary. Clearance process is as follows:</p> <p>Individuals with symptoms of COVID or any other illness (fever >100.3, new or worsening cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, runny nose, congestion, chills, body aches) must meet the following criteria prior to returning to school.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No new or worsening symptoms 2) Must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications 3) No episodes of vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours 4) Must meet one of the following options: <p>Option 1 - Obtain a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result and return the next school day with an official or at-home test result. - At home tests must be sent to Nurse Mary Feak prior to arrival to school by taking a picture of the test with the date and student's name written in permanent ink on the test card. - Masks must be worn for duration of symptoms. Any new or worsening symptoms will require additional testing.</p> <p>Option 2 - Isolate for 5 days after symptom onset. Return on day 6 with a mask if symptoms are improving and there are no new symptoms.</p> <p>Option 3 - Isolate for 5 days after symptom onset. Return on day 6 with no test or mask requirement if symptoms have fully resolved.</p> <p>24-hour rule still applies for post-vaccination fever.</p>
Positive Test Result	<p>May not be at school following a positive test result until the individual has been cleared by Nurse Mary. Clearance process is as follows:</p> <p>Individuals with a positive SARS-CoV-2 test result must meet the following criteria prior to returning to school (regardless of vaccination status):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All symptoms must have resolved or be improving 2) Must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications 3) No episodes of vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours 4) Must meet one of the following options: <p>Option 1 - Isolate for a minimum of 5 full days. Return on or after day 6 and mask through day 10 and for duration of symptoms. - Must be able to consistently wear a mask over nose and mouth.</p> <p>Option 2 - Isolate for a minimum of 5 full days. Return on or after day 6 with a negative rapid antigen test result from no earlier than day 5. There is no mask requirement unless symptoms persist.</p> <p>Option 3 - Isolate for 10 full days and return without mask requirement if symptoms have resolved.</p> <p>Masks must be worn for duration of symptoms.</p>

For all testing requirements, PCR or Rapid Antigen is accepted. We require documentation of the negative result. If you choose to utilize a home test, please label the test with the date and student's name in permanent marker and email a picture of the result to Nurse Mary at mfeak@thejoyschool.org.

