

Jacksonville Christian Academy

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2021-2022 COVID-19 Plan

(Please be aware that this plan is subject to change at any time due to current data.)

Jacksonville Christian Academy is privileged to have the opportunity to help in the education of your student(s). We have always intended to be a strong leg in the tripod (parents, your church, and our school). By helping to mold your student(s), we pray that they not only receive an education, but a godly education. We acknowledge that this is a difficult time, yet some families are ready for normalcy, and some families are hesitant. Our goal is to return with as much normalcy as possible, but to be cautious and sensitive to the needs and health concerns of others too.

During this time, we cannot stress enough how important it is that parents partner with us and be vigilant in monitoring the students' health. Please, do not send anyone to school with a fever or symptoms that are contagious. This is the only way we will be able to continue school as normally as possible.

Our intention is to resume as normal on Monday, August 16, 2021 with a few modifications which are outlined below. Our intention is to proceed cautiously. The plan below is assuming everything in our community remains basically the same.

Open House will be on Thursday, August 12th and Friday, August 13th. A time frame for each family, according to their last name, will be assigned to one of these nights for the students in all grades to be able to meet their teacher.

Thursday, August 13th:

Families whose last name begins with **A - G** - 6:00-7:00 P.M.

H - L - 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Friday, August 14th:

Families whose last name begins with **M - R** - 6:00-7:00 P.M.

S - Z - 7:00-8:00 P.M.

*Please secure a sitter
in advance for siblings
who do not attend JCA.

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Cafeteria

- Gloves will be worn by cafeteria workers when handling food.
- Elementary classes and the middle school will have snack/lunch in the cafeteria at their designated times. Tables will be spaced out and students will remain with their classmates.
- High school students will have break and lunch in the gym.
- Every student must sit at the table or row assigned to their class.
- Tables and chairs will be sanitized after each lunch shift.

Chapel

- Chapel will be held every week with social distancing guidelines in place.
- Auditorium will be sanitized after each chapel use.
- All areas of the auditorium will be used instead of the "normal" sections to allow more distance between classes and students.

Classroom

- A professional disinfectant/sanitizing sprayer will be used to clean and disinfect our facilities.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be in every classroom.
- Masks are optional for students and staff.
- Gloves and masks will be available for the staff should the need arise.
- Common areas will be cleaned and sanitized by the janitorial staff.
- Students may only use their own learning materials such as books, paper, pens, pencils, etc.
- As an alternative to using the public water fountain, each student may bring a water bottle to be kept in their cubby, backpack, etc. The teacher will be responsible for water breaks. Please make sure the bottle is clearly marked with their name or initials.
- Students may not use or touch another student's locker, backpack, jackets, etc.
- Lockers will only be utilized at certain times of the day.

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Closure

- If it becomes necessary, due to a student/staff testing positive for COVID-19, JCA will close for ten days. The building will be totally cleaned and sanitized.
- Students will transition to virtual learning during the ten days using Google Classroom, Skype, and/or SeeSaw, Facebook, etc.
- All students will be required to sign into the teacher's Google Classroom/See Saw/Facebook class the first week of school. Hopefully, we will never have to use it, but we need to be prepared.
- Should a member of a student's household contract COVID-19, he/she will be required to quarantine.

Drop Off

- Student drop-off begins at 7:40 AM at designated areas.
- If a student has a temperature of 100.0° or greater, they will go directly to the office waiting room, and the student must be taken home. If any student has a 99.5°- 99.9°, it will be recorded, and their temperature will be retaken as deemed necessary.
- Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering the building and/or the classroom.
- Elementary students who arrive at school after 8:00 AM will need to be signed in at the office by their parent.
- Middle school and high school students may sign themselves in.
- Elementary parents may escort their students to class the first two days. K4 & K5 parents may continue to walk their students to class for the remainder of the first week at their discretion.

Guests (parents/visitors/vendors)

Those who have business in the office are welcome. This includes making payments, dropping off forgotten items, or checking students in or out, etc. We encourage families to pay through the Parent Portal and call the office for questions as often as possible.

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Illness/Allergies

- Should a member of a student's household contract Covid-19, the student will be required to quarantine for 10 days.
- If your child has a chronic cough, runny nose, headache from a cold or suspected cold, we suggest they remain at home until it subsides.
- Please refer to the Sickness/Illness in the Student Handbook.
- If your child has seasonal allergies, please inform your child's teacher and administer medication as deemed appropriate to avoid suspicion.
- Any employee with a fever greater than 100 degrees will not come to school.
- Students who **test positive for COVID-19** may not return to school unless it has been 10 days since they first had symptoms of the virus, three days without a fever (without using medication), and three days without COVID-19 symptoms. All three of these questions will be asked before a student can return to school.
- Absences due to COVID restrictions will not be counted as a school day absence.
- If a student has a negative COVID-19 test, he/she may return to school if he/she is fever free for 24 hours without medication.

Lost and Found

- Please label ALL items of clothing, backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets.
- Any lost and found items without names on them, including those in the locker rooms, will be sanitized and kept ONLY until the end of the week.

Masks

- Wearing masks will be optional for staff and students.
- Mask options: Pictures or characters should reflect the standards of JCA. Any wording should be positive and uplifting. Political or unpatriotic/degrading slogans will not be permissible.

PE

- All students will sanitize their hands before PE.
- Equipment will be cleaned after use.

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Sports

- JCA will follow the guidelines provided by our athletic conference, the NCCAA.
- Students and coaches may wear masks or face coverings when not actively participating if they so choose.
- Practices and games: Any student/coach with **positive symptoms of COVID-19** will not be allowed to participate in practice or the game and must contact their health care provider.
- There will be no sharing of athletic equipment: shoes, clothes, shin-guards, socks, or water bottles.
- All clothing and equipment must be washed or sanitized before the next practice.
- Every athlete **MUST** have their own water bottle. Water bottles may not be shared.
- If a parent prefers to drive their athlete(s) to games in their vehicle, that is acceptable with our athletic department, but please communicate with the coaches and let them know. From that point, we will assume the student will always ride with the parent until we hear directly from the parent, not the student.

Transportation

- School vans or the bus will be sanitized after each use.
- All passengers and the bus driver will sanitize their hands before entering the bus.
- When possible, windows will be open to increase air circulation.