



March 2, 2021

Dear Jefferson School District Community,

It has been 354 calendar days since I wrote to you letting you know that San Joaquin County Superintendents decided to shutdown schools due to the COVID-19 outbreak. At this time last March, we all thought that students would be out of school weeks not almost a year. It was unimaginable that students and teachers would hold school virtually for so long. I'm pleased to announce that we are taking the first major step to opening our schools to in-person instruction starting tomorrow, March 3, 2021. All TK-6 grade students that requested to return to in-person instruction may do so tomorrow. Today, California Department of Public Health reported that the case rate has dropped to 11.6 per 100,000. As San Joaquin County continues to see a decline in COVID-19 cases we expect to be able to open our 7th and 8th grade classes in the coming weeks.

The biggest obstacle that schools faced when returning to in-person instruction was the necessity to isolate/quarantine students. We need everyone's help and support in maintaining our COVID-19 mitigation measures to ensure that our classrooms remain open and don't have to quarantine. Please make sure that your student comes to school tomorrow with either a disposable surgical mask or a two-layer cloth mask, make sure they know the importance of regular handwashing for 20 or more seconds and the importance of maintaining six feet of social distancing at all times. We also ask that all families screen their children for illness at home and keep them home if they are sick (see attached JSD Daily Home Screening for Students). Finally, if you think your student might be sick based upon any of the COVID-19 symptoms, we encourage you to take them to our free testing facility to be screened. If we all work together we can have a safe and successful opening to in-person instruction.

I would like to thank our teachers, administrators, and classified staff for all that they have done over the past twelve months to continue the quality education JSD is known for. As we enter into this new phase I would like to thank you for your ongoing support, flexibility, and positivity during this challenging time.

Sincerely,
James W. Bridges
Superintendent

COVID-19 Testing Registration Instructions for Students

Students are asked to pre-register prior to arriving at the facility (The temporary campus next door to Tom Hawkins School at the Corner of Darlene Lane and Glenbriar Circle, see attached map) and provide their insurance information. The pre-registration questions were built to be used with multiple types of tests and are not all specific to COVID-19. There is an option **“I prefer not to say”** to opt out of answering these questions during the survey. Demographic information other than your name, birthdate, email and phone number will not be shared with the District, but is part of the State’s data collection requirements.

1. Go to home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=39685446117618students

Or



2. Tap the red “Get Started” box

3. Click an option for each question

4. Tap continue until finished

5. Once the survey is complete, you will receive a phone call from the clinic to set up your test day and time. Be sure to use a phone number where you can be reached.

6. Parents must bring ID to the appointment to confirm identity.

7. Students must come with a Parent/Guardian who has educational rights. Only the student and one parent will be permitted to enter the test site. Only students who attend in-person instruction are eligible to receive a test.





JSD Daily Home Screening for Students

Parents: Please complete this short check each morning and if you answer “yes” to any of the questions keep your student home and report the absence to the school office.

SECTION 1: Symptoms

If your child has any of the following symptoms, that indicates a possible illness that may decrease the student’s ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading illness to others. Please check your child for these symptoms:

Yes	No	Temperature 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
Yes	No	Sore throat
Yes	No	New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/ asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
Yes	No	Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
Yes	No	New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

SECTION 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

Yes	No	Within the past 14 days, have you had close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
Yes	No	Within the last 10 days, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a test confirming you have the virus?