

Jasper-Troupsburg Central School District
 2021-2022 Opening of School Protocols
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The Jasper-Troupsburg Central School is committed to operating in the 2021-2022 school year with the safety of all students and staff foremost in all decision making. As such, the following protocols will be implemented and enforced following initial Board approval. Should local Steuben County or NYS DOH guidance or mandates change, this document will be updated accordingly without subsequent Board approval needed to implement that change. For any item not directly addressed in this document, Steuben County Department of Health recommendations will be followed.

Topic	Protocol	Considerations
Consistent and Correct Mask Use	As of March 2, 2022 masking at Jasper-Troupsburg is only required during days 6-10 of a COVID positive individual's return to school. (Per the March 1, 2022 updated guidance document.)	With the exception of the mandatory protocol of masking on days 6-10 of a COVID positive individual's return to school, masking is optional. Students, staff, and visitors must respect the choice of each individual in regard to wearing a mask. KN95 masks are available for faculty and staff upon request. Masks were previously provided for all students.
Transportation	As of March 2, 2022 masking on Jasper-Troupsburg buses is only required during days 6-10 of a COVID positive individual's return to school. (Per the March 1, 2022 updated guidance document.)	With the exception of the mandatory protocol of masking on days 6-10 of a COVID positive individual's return to school, masking on the bus is optional. Students and staff must respect the choice of each individual in regard to wearing a mask.
Health Screenings	Weekly screenings of unvaccinated employees and substitutes will continue.	Students, faculty, and staff who are experiencing any of the COVID symptoms will need to show a negative COVID-19 test result or provide documentation of an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider. Home test kits are acceptable. Home test kits are available at both schools.

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<p>Cleaning/Sanitation Protocols</p>	<p>Faculty will be provided cleaning supplies and will be encouraged to clean periodically throughout the day. Custodial staff will clean high touch surfaces throughout the day and will conduct a more thorough cleaning each night. Cleaning staff will continue maintaining cleaning logs for all spaces.</p>	<p>Continue with the previous protocol.</p>
<p>Contact Tracing</p>	<p>The District is not responsible for contact tracing.</p>	<p>Individuals who are positive for COVID-19 must self-report using the Steuben County Public Health website. They must also notify any close contacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents of COVID positive students must notify the school nurse so that absences can be documented correctly and remote instruction can be initiated. • COVID positive employees must notify their supervisor so that a substitute can be called in.
<p>Quarantine</p>	<p>Steuben County Public Health is the only organization that can mandate quarantine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If quarantined, official documentation must be provided to the School Nurse. - Students are encouraged to rest and recuperate if they are COVID positive, following all medical directives from health care providers as health and safety are the priority. 	<p>COVID positive individuals should self-report using the Steuben County Public Health website. They should also notify any close contacts of their need to quarantine. Once notified, close contacts should also self-report using the Steuben County Public Health website.</p> <p>Quarantined individuals should notify the school nurse to begin Test to Stay protocols, or so that absences</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers will post material to SeeSaw or Teams; students will access platforms asynchronously to make up for missed work. If possible, synchronous learning may be a short term option. - Official release from Quarantine must be provided to the appropriate health office official for students to return to school. - If the absence is extended, a parent may request homebound instruction via established school protocols. The District will work to provide a tutor for any student requiring homebound instruction. 	<p>can be recorded correctly and remote learning can be initiated.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Test to Stay</p>	<p>Close contacts who do not live in the same household as a COVID positive individual are able to use the Test to Stay Protocol.</p> <p>A negative test result is required to remain in school during days 1-3 of the 5 day quarantine period.</p>	<p>Continue with the previous protocol.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Remote Learning</p>	<p>There will be no voluntary remote learning option available for families in the 21-22 school year.</p>	<p>Continue with the previous protocol. Students who are COVID positive, or who are quarantined because of a close contact with a COVID positive individual in the home are invited to join remotely. Quarantined individuals who are eligible for Test to Stay, but who are choosing to quarantine instead are also invited to</p>

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		join remotely. (Elementary students through Zoom, Jr/Sr High School students through Teams.)
Air Quality/Ventilation	<p>Outside air will be cycled at the highest possible level of the equipment and for an extended period of time each day. The highest rated recommended MERV filters for our systems will be used. Fans will be provided for all indoor learning spaces that do not have central air conditioning. Windows and doors will remain open in student spaces, without central air conditioning, when occupied to increase air flow.</p>	<p>Outdoor instructional spaces will be provided from the start of school until mid-October. That timeline will be extended if needed depending on current restrictions at that time and weather.</p> <p>Continue with the previous protocol once the weather is warmer.</p>
Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette	<p>Staff will teach and reinforce frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Students and staff will be encouraged to utilize hand sanitizing stations that will be located throughout the building.</p>	Continue with the previous protocol.