

Opening Plans

Beginning September 8, 2021

PANDEMIC COORDINATOR

Followers of Jesus School has a pandemic coordinator appointed by the School Board of FJS to develop the COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan for In-person schooling. The coordinator is Dwight Nisly.

INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN

We anticipate beginning our 2021-2022 school year plan with in-person instruction.

HAND-WASHING AND HAND SANITIZING

Hand-washing is a high priority, and especially in this pandemic. Restrooms will have signs for proper techniques of hand washing. Classroom will have hand sanitizers available for students and teachers.

SOCIAL DISTANCING & OTHER SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Masking will be optional, with the encouragement of its use by any who for any reason would feel safer and or more comfortable with it.
- Signs will be posted in highly visible locations promoting everyday protective measures and how to stop the spread of germs.

SAFE RECESS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Effort will be placed on having recess and physical education outside weather permitting.

SAFETY DRILLS

Fire and lockdown drills will include social distancing modifications.

ATTENDANCE

Several circumstances suggesting COVID-19 possibilities create necessary reasons to stay at home:

1. COVID symptoms (including a fever)
2. Positive tests
3. Recent contact with someone COVID-19 symptoms or that tested positive

Parents always need to contact the office for any absence of their child/children. Students who are absent for any of the above COVID-19 related reasons will not be considered absent or penalized in any way, but will need to remain current in assignments.

COMMON SPACES

Staff will routinely and frequently clean and disinfect bathrooms and common areas.

LUNCH

Students will eat their home packed lunches in their classrooms.

WATER BOTTLES

The students will be encouraged to have a closed water bottle to use while at school.

STAFF TRAINING FOR In-Person Plans

Staff will have training before the school year begins on:

- Observing signs of illness in symptomatic persons to be sent to our designated personnel
- Sending symptomatic students directly to the dedicated isolation area where they will be supervised till picked up or otherwise sent home
- Teaching correct hand and respiratory hygiene
- Collecting and reporting daily teacher student engagement or attendance.

MONITORING STUDENT & STAFF HEALTH

1. If parents are aware of a specific COVID-19 exposure to one of their children, they should consider self-quarantining the child for two weeks after the exposure. If parents have questions regarding whether their child should be sent to school, they should communicate with the pandemic coordinator for guidance.
2. If a student has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, congestion or runny nose), parents should keep the child home from school until symptoms have resolved. If parents have questions regarding whether their child should be sent to school, they should communicate with the pandemic coordinator for guidance.
 - If one child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, parents may consider keeping any other children who attend school home as well until symptoms are resolved.
3. Staff members with a specific COVID-19 exposure should consider self-quarantining for two weeks after exposure. If staff members have questions regarding whether they should stay home from school, they should communicate with the pandemic coordinator for guidance.
4. Staff members with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, congestion or runny nose) should stay home from school until symptoms are completely resolved. If staff members have questions regarding whether they should stay home from school, they should communicate with the pandemic coordinator for guidance.
5. If a staff member has concern that a child is demonstrating symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and is still attending school, the staff member should contact the pandemic coordinator for guidance.
6. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school, we will follow the current NYS guidelines for the quarantine and return of that person. This return to school will be in coordination with the local health department.

OPENING PLAN COMMUNICATION

1. Copies of the Reopening Plan and any addendums or updates will be distributed to the patron families and staff members.
2. Each teacher should have a copy of the Reopening Plan accessible at school in his/her classroom.

SCHOOL BOARD AFFIRMING STATEMENT

By affirmative vote, the School Board has approved this Opening Plan.