

FAQs for Reopening of JTHS

If I am dropping my student off what is the earliest I can drop them? And secondly what at what time are they late? Students can be dropped off at 7:20. We realize that our arrival process will take a little longer due to health screenings. However, if students that are arriving by car try to get here by 7:20 they should not be tardy.

What if the child that gets off the bus has a temperature does that whole bus go home since that child has now possibly exposed the entire bus? The recent guidelines break symptoms into two categories. The first category (includes cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell) require students to be picked up immediately. In order to be sent home a student needs to report or display two of the symptoms from the second category, which includes temperature.

So theoretically, students with symptoms will be in the building waiting to be checked before being sent out of the building and home? Parents need to monitor students at home before they leave for school. If a student is symptomatic, they should not be sent to school.

What exactly is the hybrid high school schedule? Students have been broken into two cohorts. One cohort reports to school on Mondays and Thursdays and remains home (learning asynchronously) on Tuesdays and Fridays. The other cohort reports to school on Tuesdays and Fridays and remains home (learning asynchronously) on Mondays and Thursdays. Everyone remains home on Wednesday and has some synchronous and some asynchronous learning.

At what entrance do I drop off my kid if they are not taking the bus? Parent drop off is in the B lot. As you pull into the high school you will drive around the building to the right (personnel will direct you).

Do we start the cohorts the first week of school ? Yes. However, the first week may be different. Please await announcement via Blackboard Connect.

Will there be a mask protocol? Ex: No gaiters based on Duke study. No bandanas? We will follow all guidelines from the health department and NJ DOE. Currently, there are no guidelines in regards to types of masks.

Will there be a fresh air station or stations? Perhaps exits with someone supervising so that students can get fresh air? All of our univents that circulate air meet NJ guidelines for air quality.

Is a headache considered a COVID symptom? Headaches are one of the symptoms of Covid-19. However, the recent guidelines break symptoms into two categories. The first category (includes cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell) require students to be picked up immediately. In order to be sent home a student needs to report or display two of the symptoms from the second category, which includes temperature.

How are all the desks being cleaned in between classes? If teachers are cleaning desks, who will be monitoring the hallways for social distancing and Mask wearing? Teachers that are finishing classes are being asked to clean the desks. When finished (class sizes differ), they will also monitor the halls. There will be additional staff in the hall (administration, teachers on duty, teachers reporting to their classrooms, security personnel, aides, etc) that will monitor the halls as well.

With the stepping out in the hall to go to the nurse what if a female doesn't feel comfortable telling their teacher that they are having a feminine related issue? Simply indicating to the teacher that, "It is not Covid related" would suffice.

Are there any suggested supplies for each grade? Unless otherwise indicated by a teacher, the usual class supplies should be fine- notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. Please ask teachers for additional thoughts. Also, please make sure your child's laptop is charged and brought to school each day.

What happens to lunch band and choir? At this time, plans for band and choir are still being solidified. We know that musical instruments and singing cannot take place. The individual performance piece for assessments will need to be done at home and submitted through video.

What about all virtual kids with the cohorts? Students whose parents have selected to have them learn virtually are still assigned to a cohort and will follow that cohort's schedule.

What about senior late arrival and early departure days? Is this still happening? Since we are following an all-meet schedule, seniors that do not have their free period during period 1 or 8 will need to arrive and dismiss with the rest of the school.

With the in school classes, how are the teachers going to instruct the virtual students? The virtual students will attend through Google Classroom in order to hear live instruction. They will use the chat feature to ask questions. Teachers will check the chat feature in order to read and respond.

What is the plan for those rooms (like the bathrooms) which are interior and have no windows? The guidance states that if a classroom has windows, and weather permitting, windows should be open. Classrooms and bathrooms are not required to have open windows.

Are there devices being installed on bathroom doors to not have to use their hands to open the door?

Bathrooms are equipped with privacy partitions so they may remain open.

Aren't students going to be in class virtually when they are home? With the exception of Wednesdays, on days when their cohort is learning from home, the work will be asynchronous (independent of the teacher).

Wednesdays will be a mix of both synchronous and asynchronous learning.

Is there going to be some sort of orientation for freshmans who don't really know where they are going? We will be doing an orientation video for incoming freshmen. Additionally, staff will be very visible in the halls the first few days to make sure the freshmen are comfortable with their schedules.

If under the cohort it says "Virtual" does that mean they don't go to school and do all of their classes online? Yes.

What guidelines have the teachers been given about curricula for asynchronous learning? Are they creating videos to teach topics? Asynchronous learning could include a variety of resources. These include teacher-made videos, videos and other on-line resources that we have subscriptions for, texts or other books, published or teacher-made photocopies/documents (uploaded onto the computer), slide presentations, etc).

Will attendance be taken for students when they are not in the building? If not, how will all students get the 180 days? Parents will need to complete a Google attendance form for the asynchronous days.

When you say office hours, will the teachers actually chat with students or is all the communication via email? Teachers will be live, on-line in their Google Meet sessions for 'real time' questions and answers.

If teachers are to need to be out for an extended time, are there enough trained substitutes to instruct the material to benefit the students? We will use the same process as any other year. The position will be posted. Candidates will be interviewed and hired based on their qualifications.

What is the district's policy on virtual meetings security wise? Is it all through Google Meet with a passcode and only the teacher can admit to the meeting? Google is installing a 'waiting room' mechanism so that the teacher will see who is waiting and will only admit students.

Last spring, it was difficult for the students to get extra help and responses of emails. Will there be a better process in the fall? Specific schedules have been created for teachers to have time to respond to students' questions.

What about emergency drills? How will this be addressed? We will still adhere to the regulations requiring frequency and types of drills.

Can Google Classroom handle all of this? How about Zoom, Team? Google Meet has a higher occupancy load than Zoom. But, even Zoom allows 100 guests. Classes are no more than the mid 20s.

Attendance for CCM Sharetime Students, how will it be done? Parents will complete a Google attendance form.

Is it still 10 unexcused absences? Does a parent note count? What if they just don't feel well but doesn't need a doctor? All regular state code and regulations will be followed. With that said, we will try to be flexible and communication between home and school will be very important.

Can students do their own attendance? An adult needs to be responsible for communicating their child's attendance.

Where do I find the attendance Google Form? This has not yet been posted.

What happens if our internet stops working and the student can't log on for attendance? Does that still count as an absence? Please make sure to call and email the school.

So the parents are going to be required to send in a Google Form each morning they are virtual? How does that work for parents that are working? The form will only need to be completed two times a week when students are learning from home.

Do all virtual student parents need to do the attendance form each day? Virtual students will be attending classes via live streaming. The teacher will do attendance.

Now that we have more info about what the return to school plan looks like. Can a student change to all virtual? We needed to make that decision by aug 7 and I feel we were not able to make a fully informed decision. Please do so asap. If we can accommodate quickly we will.

How will guidance help seniors with their college applications? There will be no difference as to a normal year.

Will you be posting a time schedule of periods for virtual students? Schedules will be released soon.

Will there be any additional support/guidance for students taking AP classes? AP Students will be contacted by their AP teachers with any important information regarding accessing College Board. District supervisors will assist with preparing for the AP exams in the spring. More information will be forthcoming.

Any word on when we have the updated CCM share time info? We will be working on updating the Shared Time CCM schedule in coordination with Transportation. An email was sent to all CCM Shared time students and parents earlier today. Please check your emails.

How will 100% virtual students participate in art elective? Lesson plans will be developed with virtual students in mind so that they will be able to meet curriculum objectives.

Have they changed the air filters yet and gotten cleaning supplies I have heard none of this has been done. The facility staff has been working throughout the summer and will continue to do so until the beginning of the year. The building is and will be up to state code and requirements.

Did you say that students who bring their personal laptops won't be able to get on the wi-fi but school distributed laptops will be able? All students will have access to a school computer. There is no need to bring a laptop from home. The BYOD wifi will need to be disabled in order to ensure enough bandwidth for classroom teaching.

For virtual learning do we have to get up at the normal in school time to start work and get it in on normal time? Virtual students will follow the same schedule as in-person students.

Will the students change classes or will the teachers? At the High School, because every student has a different schedule and students take an assortment of classes and levels, the students will need to change classrooms.

When will students who had Karen Staples as a guidance counselor receive the name of their new counselor? All counselor names will be on the portal and you will have access to that soon.

Which device do we select for insurance coverage iPad or Lenovo Yoga? Do we bring the laptop agreement to the pick-up? The High School computers are the Lenovos. Please bring with you for the pick-up.

What happens if due to exposure at school, the student needs to be quarantined. May they go all virtual at that point? If necessary, will make decisions and provisions for that situation.

Do we have to swap out computers from last year? No

This is the format 100% virtual learning will be presented. Real time questions are nearly impossible to answer. How is this equitable for the 100% virtual students? Why can't they all be seen during lessons to raise their hands and unmute to ask? This Google Meet has 250 people in it. There will only be a few people learning virtually in each class.

What if your child needs to see the nurse for medication everyday? The student will still be allowed to go the nurse for this reason.

