

LET'S GET BACK TO SCHOOL

At-a-Glance Cassia Jt School District Roadmap for the 2020-2021 School Year



Cassia Jt School District believes that our learners learn best in the classroom. The following core principles will drive our decision-making as we develop clear, actionable steps for learners and employees to return to school for the 2020-2021 school year with a priority of keeping students and employees healthy and safe. We will strive to:

- Offer a high-quality, rigorous and comprehensive educational experience for our students, whether in-person or online. Standard grading practices will apply.
- Prioritize the safety of our staff, students and families.
- Continue to foster the power of the teacher-learner relationship.
- Be compassionate, empathetic and responsive as we listen to, respect and consider input and feedback as we work to address individuals' needs.
- Be creative and flexible in our instruction and school operations while being responsible stewards of our resources.
- Provide our staff, students, and families with the support, training and tools needed to adapt to an ever-evolving educational environment.
- Be transparent, timely and accurate in all communications.
- **Remain firmly grounded in our District mission, vision and beliefs** in pivoting to respond to the unpredictable future.



STARTING DATE

Administrators, staff and students return to school as regularly scheduled on Monday, August 24, 2020.



PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- Staff members, students and visitors are encouraged, but not required at this time, to wear face masks/face coverings/face shields.
- Installation of sneeze guards in different locations throughout the school.
- Increased access to hand sanitizer.
- Parents are encouraged to take temperatures at home before sending students to school. Students with temperatures of 100.1 should remain home. Digital no touch thermometers have been placed in each school.
- Parents are encouraged to teach children proper hand washing techniques. Schools will educate students on hand-washing and proper precautions when coughing or sneezing.
- Minimize large gatherings and encouragement of physical distancing when possible.
- Focus on preventative measures with signage, communication and education.



ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance will be recorded in accordance with district policy. Exceptions may be considered on a case by case basis.



COURSEWORK AND GRADING

We will continue to offer a high-quality, rigorous and comprehensive educational experience for our learners, whether in-person or online. Standard grading practices will apply. Options to enroll in the online learning academy are available and enrollment closes August 14th.



ACTIVITIES (including fine & performing arts, sports, tech and ag)

It is the goal of Cassia Jt School District to offer a variety of before and after school activities. Operations of school activities will be directed from the categories of green, yellow, and red as indicated in this document and that of the Idaho High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Reopening Guidance. These guidelines were developed with the assistance of the Cassia County School District Restart sub-committee for student activities, the State Board Idaho Back to School Framework, the South-Central Public Health District, and IHSAA. Please note that the guidance is subject to change based upon known or unknown conditions and as directed by the Board of Trustees.

In addition to the categories stated above the following information is provided:

1. All reasonable measures of safety and sanitation practices will be followed wherever possible.
2. Reasonable health screenings including possible temperature checks will be conducted as a condition for participation.
3. If a student reports a confirmed positive test for COVID, a return to participate medical clearance is required.
4. If a student reports close contact and is symptomatic, the student is ineligible and will need to follow CDC guidelines including possible self-isolation as directed by their parent or guardian. The student and family are highly encouraged to seek medical attention.
5. If a student reports possible close contact but is not symptomatic, CDC guidance and monitoring will be required.
6. In the event of possible team exposure but non-symptomatic, a protocol of CDC guidance and monitoring will follow. Additionally, South Central Public Health will be consulted as to a proper course of action.
7. It is the goal of each high school to participate and mitigate on a case by case basis. If it becomes necessary, cancellations will be determined by the superintendent.
8. In addition to routine sanitation, coaches and advisors may request additional procedures when necessary.
9. If community spread indicates Category 3 or red, all activities are cancelled.
10. Where possible, social distancing will be required on busses and vans. Where not possible, face coverings are highly encouraged.
11. Spectator and fan attendance will be managed within Governor Little's groups and gatherings criteria and include to the extent possible all CDC guidelines. Fans are highly encouraged to wear a face covering and social distance.
12. Face coverings are highly encouraged.

School administration including athletic directors, coaches, band and music directors and teachers wish to convey their appreciation for your continued support of student participation in activities during this school year. Student activities are critical to the growth and development of children and are a highly regarded program for learning that is embedded in community culture. Regardless of the challenges, let's make this year a year of success.



ADDRESSING COMMUNITY SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN SCHOOLS

With guidance from the South Central Public Health Department, the CDC, Idaho State Department of Education and Idaho State Board of Education, CJSJ 151 has developed a strategic plan for the 2020-2021 school year to help us effectively address scenarios related to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19. The plan is based on the following categories as defined by the CDC and recommended by rebound.idaho.gov. For more complete details, review the Restart Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year, approved by the Board of Trustees on July 16, 2020. All guidelines and protocols in the Restart Plan are subject to change based on new information or direction from state and local officials.

<p>Category 1 None to Minimal Regular school schedule with focus on prevention</p>	<p>Category 2 Moderate Spread School schedule may include modified traditional and/or hybrid model</p>	<p>Category 3 Substantial Spread Remote learning, may include targeted, short-term or extended school closures</p>
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WHO, HOW & WHEN WILL COMMUNICATION GO OUT?

If we have a confirmed case at an individual school, those individuals who were known to be in close contact will be notified as soon as information is confirmed. All areas of impact will be sanitized. Exposed individuals will be encouraged to follow the CDC guidelines of isolating and monitoring for the recommended number of days. School operations will remain in the category of operations as indicated by South Central Public District Heal or school will close for a determined number of days.

If you are not contacted by phone or email, then your student is not considered to be at any significant risk and you do not need to have heightened concern.



WHAT IF MY CHILD EXPERIENCES SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

- Stay home if sick
- Practice physical distancing
- Practice good hand hygiene
- Cover cough and sneezes
- Wear cloth face coverings in public places
- Disinfect surfaces and objects regularly
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

YOU MAY DISCONTINUE SELF-ISOLATION:

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and

If you believe you have been exposed, make sure to self-isolate. If you need medical attention, please call your healthcare provider in advance of a visit to discuss your symptoms and next steps.