



## Return to Learn - School Reopening - 2020-21

### GOAL:

The CJI School District is committed to educating the district students in the best and safest possible environment. We believe the best education will happen when teachers and students are together in the classroom, in the traditional setting, and that's how we intend to begin the school year. The student's first day of school will be August 26, 2020, with classes starting at 8:25 AM.

The District's goal is to open school on time in the traditional format, but just as importantly, the goal is to keep the school safe, healthy, and open for the entire year. This plan is intended to outline how the school district will provide education to the CJI School District students during the 2020-21 school year, considering the COVID-19 pandemic. We understand this plan may cause some inconveniences and changes to an individual or family routine, but we believe it is in everyone's best interest. Even one confirmed coronavirus case with exposure within the school may result in this plan being revised or school to close for a period of time. Moreover, the CJI District will follow the directives and mandates of the State of Montana.

### Learning/Teaching Format:

- **Face-to-Face Instruction** - Staff and students physically in the classroom together. The following protocols will be implemented to provide the highest possible safety for all students and staff.
  - **Classrooms** - Every classroom will maximize the square footage of the space available to provide the opportunity for greatest social distancing. Student desks, activities, and proximity will provide for the maximum amount of space per person. The wearing of face masks/coverings are highly encouraged and recommended, but not required at this time. CJI Schools will communicate, educate, and reinforce appropriate hygiene and social distancing practices in ways that are developmentally appropriate for students, teachers, and staff. Teachers will be provided cleaning/disinfecting provisions for routinely cleaning frequently touched classroom supplies and manipulatives.
  - **Face Masks/Coverings** - Students and staff will be required to wear facemasks/coverings during passing times in the hallways, in the lunch line, or other indoor common areas outside their classroom.

- **School Campus** - From 8:25 AM - 3:35 PM, the campus will be closed, including lunchtime, all staff and students will be required to remain on campus unless leaving for an appointment approved by the administration.
- **Distance Instruction** - Online or virtual classroom protocol is available, in the event the school must close, or students cannot physically attend school.
  - **Staff** - Will report to work and teach from their classrooms while practicing maximum social distancing protocol.
  - **Students** - Will be expected to be in attendance at all classes, virtually, when regularly scheduled.
  - **Synchronous or Asynchronous Instruction/Learning** - Through regularly scheduled meeting times via email, Google Classroom, Google Meets, ZOOM, SeeSaw, etc. will be expected.

### **Screening Procedure:**

Temperature Screening Procedure: Temperatures will be taken with a temporal scanner when entering the school, temperatures above 99.0 degrees will be rechecked with an oral thermometer. Any person with a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher will be immediately isolated while making arrangements to go home. When the person is fever free for 24 hours (without ibuprofen or acetaminophen), the person may return to school and will be required to wear a mask for three (3) days.

- **Students** - Parents are encouraged to take their child's temperature before leaving the house every morning. All students will enter the building either through the high school or elementary entrances.
- **Staff** - Staff will be required to report to the office by 8:05 AM for screening.
- **Visitors and Service Personnel** - Will be required to report through the Elementary or High School main entrance for screening.

### **Transportation:**

- **Screening Procedure** - For safety reasons, parents will be asked to take their child's temperature, at home, before going to the bus loading stop. Student temperatures will be taken upon entering the school building.
- **Seating** - Students will sit one person to a seat. In the event, there are not enough seats for one person per seat; family members will be required to sit together.
- **Face Masks/Coverings** - The wearing of face masks/coverings on the bus will not be required but is encouraged and be made available to any rider needing one.
- **AM Pickup** - Students will load the bus at designated bus loading stops.
- **AM Dropoff** - 7-12 grade students, will unload at the main (HS) entrance, K-6 grade students will unload at the elementary school entrance (School Drive).
- **PM Pickup Delivery** - Students will load buses south of the old gymnasium.

- **Cleaning/Disinfecting** - Bus drivers will be responsible for cleaning/disinfecting buses daily. Disinfecting will focus on highly touched areas, including seats, seatbacks, handrails, and stair rails/poles.

### **Food Service:**

**Kitchen Staff** - will be required to wear face masks/shields and gloves when cooking and serving food.

#### **Students -**

- **Serving Times** - will be adjusted to accommodate the cafeteria's maximum capacity, following the appropriate safe spacing at the tables.
- **Serving Line** - students will be expected to follow proper hygiene, safe spacing/distancing in the serving lines, and wear face mask/coverings in the serving line.
- **Seating Arrangements** - students will be expected to follow appropriate safe spacing at the lunch tables, seating at every other seat, practice appropriate hygiene, and proper etiquette while eating.

### **Maintenance/Custodial:**

- Custodial staff will clean and disinfect the facilities daily, utilizing chemical cleaners designated appropriate for eliminating the COVID virus and according to manufacturers' recommendations. Particular attention will be given to the disinfecting of high touch areas, including door handles, handrails, locker latches, lavatory handles, etc. Additionally, spray bottles of disinfectant and microfiber towels will be made readily available to each classroom.

### **Resources:**

- [Student/Parent Handbook](#)
- [CJI District Policy](#)
- [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
- [Montana High School Association \(MHSA\)](#)
- [Montana - Governors Coronavirus Task Force](#)
- Liberty County Health Board
- [Montana Office of Public Instruction \(OPI\)](#)
  - [OPI - Reopening Montana Schools Guidance](#)