



# Jackson Public Schools: Smart Restart Plan

December 1, 2020

# JPS Vision and Mission

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Our vision is to prepare scholars to achieve globally, to contribute locally, and to be fulfilled individually.

Our mission is to develop scholars through world-class learning experiences to attain an exceptional knowledge base, critical and relevant skill sets, and the necessary dispositions for great success.



# Why is it time for a “Smart Restart?”

- Parents and families need/deserve flexibility.
- Virtual learning works for some scholars, but not all.
- Early learners require more effective instruction to develop foundational skills.
- Lessons learned in JPS and other districts
- Availability of technology supports for 1 to 1
- Additional social-emotional supports
- Strong indications of limited spread of COVID-19 in schools





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# The Need for An In-Person Option

**Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is 13% down from last year.**

**Of the 1618 Pre-K and Kindergarten scholars screened this year, 1096 (68%) identified as needing intervention.**



**“The truth is, for kids K-12, one of the safest places they can be, from our perspective, is to remain in school, and it’s really important that we follow the data, making sure we don’t make emotional decisions about what to close and what not to close,” Redfield said earlier in November. “I’m here to say clearly the data strongly supports that K-12 schools — as well as institutes of higher learning — really are not where we’re having our challenges.”**

**CDC Director Robert Redfield**



**"The evidence here is really clear and the evidence is that schools should be opened. At least K-8, there's very little data saying there's any spread happening in those schools."**

**Dr. Ashish Jha (global health expert)  
Dean at Brown University**



## Research Finds Few Links Between Schools And COVID-19 Cases : NPR

New research has found few links between in-person K-12 schooling and COVID-19 case rates. "There is not a consistent pattern," one study author said.

# The JPS Smart Restart Plan

**QUARANTINE PERIOD:** January 4 – 18, 2021

- Option 1: **All Scholars** – Virtual Model
- Option 2: **Elementary** – In-Person  
**Secondary** – Hybrid Model



# Virtual Learning Option

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- Instructional Option Selections made Nov. 10 – Dec. 1
- District level teacher teams will be created to support scholars who reside in the north, south, and/or central areas of Jackson
- Scholars must adhere to the same attendance, academic, and behavioral expectations
- If concerns arise, such as attendance and/or academics, parents will be contacted for other options
- Instructional work packets will not be used as an option for core instruction. Scholars will have to engage virtually or by divisional instructional model

# Elementary Schools

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## Traditional Instructional Model

- Face-to-Face instruction provided Monday - Friday
- School Day Schedule: 7:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
- Technology imbedded into the regular day
- Breaks built into the schedule to allow for distanced “unmasking”
- Protocols designed to limit mobility and increase distancing

# Middle Schools

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- **Hybrid Model** – School Day is from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (50% Capacity)
- **Hybrid – Home Instruction:** Scholars will engage virtually with the teachers at the same time.
- **Hybrid – School Instruction:** A-Day/B-Day rotation schedule
- Scholars will be **divided into two cohorts** to reduce levels of interaction and limit movement throughout the building.

# Sample Middle School Hybrid Schedule

Cohort 1 (C-1) = Last names **A-K**

Cohort 2 (C-2) = Last names **L-Z**

Week One				
Mon., A-day	Tue., B-day	Wed., A-day	Thurs. B-day	Fri., A-day
<b>C-1 Hybrid (school)</b>	C-2 Hybrid (school)	C-1 Hybrid (school)	C-2 Hybrid (school)	C-1 Hybrid (school)
<b>C-2 Hybrid (home)</b>	C-1 Hybrid (home)	C-2 Virtual (home)	C-1 Hybrid (home)	C-2 Virtual (home)

Week Two				
Mon., B-day	Tue., A-day	Wed., B-day	Thurs. A-day	Fri., B-day
<b>C-2 Hybrid (school)</b>	C-1 Hybrid (school)	C-2 Hybrid (school)	C-1 Hybrid (school)	C-2 Hybrid (school)
<b>C-1 Hybrid (home)</b>	C-2 Virtual (home)	C-1 Hybrid (home)	C-2 Virtual (home)	C-1 Hybrid (home)



# High Schools

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- **Hybrid Model** – School Day is from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (50% Capacity)
- **Face-to-Face Instruction - A-Day/B-Day rotation schedule for in-person instruction**
  - 9th and 10th graders – A Day
  - 11th and 12th graders – B Day
- Core instruction provided in-person

# High School Hybrid Schedule

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**Asynchronous Wednesdays** will be used for targeted instructional supports during the time the identified grade level is present

9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Grades		11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	
Jan. 5	A-Day: Hybrid (school)	Jan. 5	A-Day: Hybrid (home)
Jan. 6	B-Day Hybrid (home)	Jan. 6	B-Day Hybrid (school)
Jan. 7	A-Day: Hybrid (school)	Jan. 7	A-Day: Hybrid (home)
Jan. 8	B-Day: Hybrid (home)	Jan. 8	B-Day: Hybrid (school)
Jan. 11	A-Day: Hybrid (school)	Jan. 11	A-Day: Hybrid (home)

# Athletics & Extracurriculars

Scholars (whether virtual or hybrid) will have the opportunity to participate in athletics and extracurricular activities.

The JPS Athletics Department is working in partnership with the Mississippi High School Activities Association to ensure coordination and implementation of safety protocols.

Safety measures include:

- Participation Limits
- Spectator Limits & Spaced Seating
- No Mask, No Entry
- Enhanced Sanitation
- Pre-Packaged Concessions



# Selecting A Learning Option



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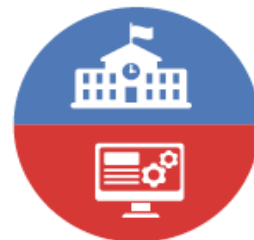
# SMART RESTART

PLANNING FOR A SAFE  
RETURN TO SCHOOL

## LEARNING OPTIONS BY GRADE LEVEL

**ELEMENTARY**

Onsite or Virtual



**MIDDLE**

Hybrid or Virtual



**HIGH**

Hybrid or Virtual



# Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory

**PPE** are supplies worn by our staff and students to help keep them safe.

Items in stock in our Central Warehouse include the following:

- Washable Adult Masks
- Washable Youth Masks
- Disposable Masks
- KN-95 Masks
- Face Shields
- Disposable Non-latex Gloves
- Disposable Nitrile Gloves



# Sanitizing and Cleaning Supplies

These are the equipment and supplies used by our staff and students to keep them safe. Items we have ordered and on stock in our Central Warehouse include:



- Contactless Thermometers
- Foggers\*
- Touchless Hand Sanitizer Stations
- Hand Sanitizer Bottles (8 oz and gallon sizes)
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Disinfectant Spray
- Antibacterial Hand Soap
- Alcohol Cleaning Wipes
- Ecolab Hydrogen Peroxide Based Cleaner\*
- Buckeye Neutral Disinfectant\*
- Lemon Quat Disinfectant\*


\*Items for Custodial and Transportation Staff Use








# Smart Restart Next Steps



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## Overview

Again, Jackson Public Schools has been hard at work planning for the safe return of our scholars. This document covers our plans for a Smart Restart in the spring semester of 2021. It includes the learning options, academic schedules, safety measures, and new routines we are utilizing to continue learning and engagement.

Although school will resume virtually as scheduled for scholars on January 5,

## Select Your Learning Option

**Parents, please select your scholar's learning option by Tuesday, December 1.**





# Questions/Answers and Discussion