

JUPITER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

GUIDE TO RE-OPENING 2020-2021



PLEDGER EDUCATION CENTER

*Welcome Back
JCS Eagles!*



WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome back JCS Eagles! We are pleased to be able to welcome our students, faculty, staff, and administrators back to our campuses for the 2020-21 academic year. With the health, safety, and wellness of our student body and JCS team members as our top priority, along with our commitment to providing excellence in Christian education, we pray that this guide will be an informative and useful resource.

Here we share our guiding principles for re-opening campus including: Supporting Well-Being, Academic Continuity, Health and Wellness, Classroom Environment, Extended Care, Learning Models, and our use of Digital Platforms. The reopening plan for our school has been designed with a staged approach that will allow us to hold steady, prepare for interruptions, or make changes to reflect new guidance. We will maintain flexibility as we continue to monitor CDC, The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), health department guidelines and recommendations from the JCS Medical Advisory Committee.

As of today, we are entering our academic year in a Stage 2 option providing traditional and virtual classroom opportunities. Whether in-person or via our virtual classroom, we remain committed to creating a community of caring to fulfill the JCS Promise: to educate students in a nurturing community to excel in life and engage the world. We look forward to seeing you on our campus, August 12th.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

SUPPORTING WELL-BEING

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school. The social, emotional, and spiritual health of our students, faculty, staff, and our community are the highest priorities during this unprecedented and evolving situation. A daily school routine connecting teachers and students increases feelings of safety and security; and therefore, the school will cultivate time and space for students and staff members to reflect, to interact, and to process their experiences throughout this journey.

The school recognizes that students and staff members have been home for an extended period of time while having very little social interaction. Jupiter Christian School will be ready to serve and support our community as we reunite in August. In addition, the school will assist the faculty and staff with additional support services, as needed.

JCS continues its focus on spiritual formation of students and family support through parent prayer times, pastoral care, and a family devotional delivered to your email each morning. Weekly chapels have been reconceptualized under physical distancing guidelines and students will experience in-person chapels as well as small group, live-streaming opportunities. We have intentionally built community time into our schedule to reinforce spiritual, emotional, and social well-being for those God has entrusted into our care.

ACADEMIC CONTINUITY

Teaching & Learning

Jupiter Christian School has established the following guidelines and protocols within each division based on:

- Recommendations from the federal, state, and local government.
- The guidance provided by public health experts such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Florida Department of Health, the JCS Medical Advisory Committee, the Cleveland Clinic, and additional local health agencies.

Stage 1: School building is closed based on a government directive and delivery model will shift to Distance Learning. Distance Learning will be intentionally enhanced and will more closely mirror a traditional school day for ease of transition.

Stage 2: School building is open to students with enhanced social distancing and safety measures. The delivery models available will be On-Campus Learning or Virtual Classroom option for Grades 2-12.

Stage 3: School is open with normal routines and safety measures. The delivery model will be On-Campus Learning.

We are following a staged approach modeled for adaptability within a changing environment that addresses different parts of the school day including:

- Health & Wellness
- Student Life
- Extracurricular Activities
- Lunch
- Arrival & Dismissal
- Aftercare Program

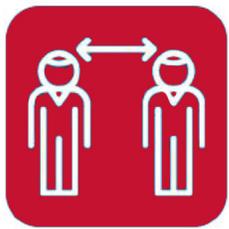
These areas will be addressed in this document and in follow-up communications.

EAST CAMPUS & WEST CAMPUS

Health & Wellness

JCS will continue to monitor and adhere to the CDC, AAP, federal and state standards, Palm Beach County Health Department guidelines, as well as ongoing recommendations from the Cleveland Clinic and Medical Advisory Committee.

The following safety protocols to encourage health and wellness will be implemented during Stage 2:



**Social
Distancing**



**Face
Coverings***
See below for
more details



**Daily Health
Monitoring**



**Registered
Nurse
On Campus**



**Hand
Sanitizing
Stations**



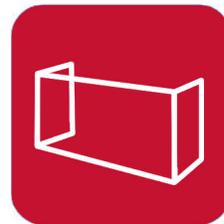
**High-Touch
Surfaces
Sanitized
Frequently**



**Classrooms
Cleaned &
Disinfected
Nightly**



**Restrooms
Sanitized
Throughout
Day**



**Personalized
Desk Shields**
*as appropriate



**Sterilization
System for
A/C Units**

*The use of facial coverings has been determined based on campus layout, evaluated throughout the school year, and will be based on recommendations from the CDC, AAP, Cleveland Clinic and health department.

The safety practices of our East and West Campuses will be addressed separately based on the campus recommendations provided through the Cleveland Clinic and Medical Advisory Committee. Policies and safety protocols are based on the campus layout, classroom design and daily programming offered at each site.

East Campus (PK2 - 1st Grade)

- Facial coverings options for students on the East Campus will be communicated closer to the start of the school year and at the recommendations of the Cleveland Clinic and Medical Advisory Committee.
- Staff, faculty and administrators will be required to wear facial coverings when social distancing practices are not possible. All faculty and staff are being provided clear style masks to aid and improve communication.

West Campus (2nd - 12th Grade)

- Students will be required to bring and wear daily facial coverings when social distancing practices are not possible.
- Staff, faculty and administrators will be required to wear facial coverings when social distancing practices are not possible. All faculty and staff are being provided clear style masks to aid and improve communication.
- We have created Relaxation Stations (facial cover-free zones) and increased outdoor opportunities for classes.

Campus-Wide

- All students, faculty, staff and administrators will be temperature checked at arrival facilitated by our on-campus nurses and clinic support staff. Any student with a temperature of **100.4** or higher will be sent home.
- In agreement with our JCS Community Pledge, stay home if you have a fever at or above 100.4 degrees. If a student, faculty or staff member is sick with the common cold or other illnesses, they must be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to campus.
- If a student, faculty or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. They must quarantine for at least 10 days, show signs of improvement in the subsequent three days and show no signs or symptoms on the 14th day, thus able to return on the 15th day or next school day. Students, faculty and staff members must have a doctors note to return to campus. Symptoms of COVID-19 include but are not limited to the following, cough, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Faculty and staff will teach and reinforce frequent hand washing, the covering of coughs and sneezes, and not touching the face or one another.

- Each classroom will be stocked with adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors including soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissues, and no-touch trash cans.
- Signs will be visible throughout the school and classrooms on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, properly wash hands, and promote everyday protective measures.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout the school - students, faculty, and staff are required to use upon entering and exiting classrooms.
- UV and Air Sanitizers have been installed in our AC units across both campuses.
- Campuses will be disinfected multiple times a day, including high-touch points, classrooms and bathrooms.
- Guests are not permitted on-campus without an appointment. All guests are required to wear a facial covering. Only emergency vendors will be allowed on campus during the school day.

Classroom Environment

The following safety measures related to the COVID-safe classroom environment will be implemented during Stage 2:

- Faculty will partner with our sanitation team to wipe down desks in between classes.
- Student desks and tables will be rearranged to maximize social distancing measures.
- Student desks and tables will be arranged to reduce face-to-face positioning as much as possible.
- All students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day to use at our touch-free filling stations.
- Classroom materials and furniture have been minimized for more space and less surface contamination.
- Students will use their own personal school supplies. There will be no shared supplies. Movement by students within the classroom will be monitored to support social distancing measures.
- Classrooms with restrooms will be monitored by faculty and enhanced disinfecting measures will be used throughout the school day.
- Student and staff groupings will remain as static as possible (Lower School grades 2-4) - having the same group of children stay with the same classroom.
- Students will be permitted to bring backpacks but we do ask that students only bring those items needed for school each day (lunch box, homework folder, water bottle).

EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM

Extended care opportunities will be available on the East and West Campus for students in grades PK2-6. Students will be grouped by grade level and cross contact minimized. Please look for additional information regarding extended care options and pricing in our next parent communication. Parents will utilize the front carline drop/off and pick/up zone. Please ring the doorbell and your student will be walked out to you for dismissal.

LEARNING MODELS

Jupiter Christian is committed to fulfilling our mission and providing high-quality education to all students during these circumstances.

On-Campus Learning (Stage 2)

- Students who opt for in-person learning will begin on campus August 12, 2020 as scheduled on the 2020-2021 school calendar. We will remain focused on current COVID trends, health department information, CDC recommendations, and updated public health guidelines.
- 5-day school week with the regular school hours for East (PK2-1st Grade) and West (2nd-12th Grade) Campuses.

Virtual Classroom (Stage 2) - In Place of On-Campus Learning

Virtual Classroom learning is designed to provide support for students and families who must be off-campus temporarily due to COVID-19 related concerns and will remain enrolled as a student at JCS. It will align with On-Campus teaching and learning. This model applies to students with pre-existing health conditions or for families who may not be comfortable sending their children to school at this time. We want to help students maintain a connection with classmates and teachers while at home. With Virtual Classroom Learning as an option, teachers are offering two separate modes of education simultaneously - one in-person, the other online and through video-conferencing.

While Virtual Classroom Learning is not identical to On-Campus Learning, JCS faculty and staff will provide high-quality instruction to advance student academic progress and attend to the social and emotional well-being of the student until they are able to return to school. The Virtual Learning Classroom may look different in each grade level/division:

- Students will participate from home with synchronous classroom instruction being delivered through video-conferencing technology.
- Each Lower School classroom will have a daily schedule of instruction and students participating in the Virtual Classroom will follow that same schedule at home. Upper School students will follow their assigned schedule.
- Live streamed lessons will include the core subjects of instruction as well as electives.
- Students will “join” their classes each day for different periods of instruction from home through video conferencing.
- The teacher will monitor student progress through video conferencing, guided practice, and daily work.
- Younger students will likely need parental support.

Families may switch from On-Campus Learning to Virtual Classroom Learning throughout the school year, given their need is a health related incident. For detailed information about this program, please refer to the Virtual Classroom Learning document found on our campus reopening webpage. The Virtual Classroom Learning model will remain in place as long as COVID-19 continues to be a concern, as determined by Jupiter Christian School’s Leadership Team. If a family intends to begin the 2020-2021 school year through the Virtual Classroom Learning option, they are advised to complete the registration form by Wednesday, July 29.

Distance Learning (Stage 1)

In the unlikely event that our local community experiences a spike in COVID-19 cases and an interruption of on-campus learning occurs, we will be prepared to shift to Distance Learning for all students immediately and effectively. With the implementation of technology platforms during on-campus learning, the goal is to make this transition for students and parents as seamless as possible. Distance Learning will be intentionally enhanced and will include many of the components of a traditional school day. All students will remain home and instruction will be delivered remotely through technology platforms (Zoom/SeeSaw/Office 365/PlusPortals) and a structured schedule for each grade level will be established.

ATHLETICS & FINE ARTS

Athletics

Our Athletic Department is working diligently to prepare for the fall sports season. As always, we must follow the guidelines provided by the FHSAA for sport participation and are implementing additional safety measures recommended by the state's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) and our Medical Advisory Committee. As more information is provided to us, we will share that information with our families. For up-to-date athletic communication regarding tryout dates and sport seasons, please visit the Athletic website: <https://athletics.jupiterchristian.org/home>

Fine Arts

All first semester Fine Arts events will be modified. More information will be shared for each event as they near. Additionally, information for second semester events will be distributed as soon as possible. We will continue to follow the guidelines as outlined by the CDC, AAP, and the health department.

DIGITAL PLATFORMS



PlusPortals supports online learning and remote classroom workflows with a series of useful and easy-to-use features.

- **Teachers** can conduct classroom activities from their portal class pages and communicate with students, parents and other staff.
- **Students** can access their teachers' class pages where they participate in classroom discussions, submit coursework, access class resources, and view scores and grades.
- **Parents** can monitor their students' classroom participation and progress.



Zoom is a video conferencing platform that can be used to provide LIVE (synchronous) virtual class meeting space similar to Google Hangout/Meet.



Students in grades 2-12 are assigned accounts through Office 365 to allow access to applications for organizing, communicating, collaborating, and creating content.



For students in Pre-K through 6th grade, Seesaw is a digital tool for viewing, creating and uploading students' documentation of work (pictures, videos, etc.) in an electronic portfolio.

CLOSING NOTES

Communications

We are committed to providing clear and continuous communication of essential information and updates for our families. Parents can expect to receive communication through email notifications, weekly newsletters, text alerts, and JCS social media updates (Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter). The Jupiter Christian School website will also serve as a resource hub for parent and student information. As always, we will communicate clearly and often with families. Please visit our Campus Reopening webpage: <https://www.jupiterchristian.org/about-us/campus-re-opening>, for pertinent reopening information.

Questions can be submitted directly through:

East Campus - Lisa Chitty lchitty@jupiterchristian.org

West Campus - Susan Rivera srivera@jupiterchristian.org

Upcoming Re-Opening Information

In our next communication expected for release within the next week, you can expect:

- Communication plans for positive COVID-19 cases on campus
- Information about Meet The Teacher, Virtual Orientations, lunch plans and the first week of school
- Pricing for grade-level Early and After Care programming
- Detailed instructions and mapping for student temperature screening
- Drop-off and pick-up

Final Remarks

At Jupiter Christian School, we have sought out the best medical and educational information in order to plan a reopening that balances the needs of all members of the JCS family while remaining focused on the very purpose of JCS. And while we are grateful for the amazing resources at our disposal and for the hard work and dedication of our talented staff, our hope lies elsewhere. Our theme this year is "Christ our Hope".

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works" ~ Hebrews 10:23-24

Our hope is in Jesus Christ, for His faithfulness endures forever!

