

## JASD's Health and Safety Plan

2023-2024 School Year

- 1. If you do not feel well, JASD recommends that you stay home and consult your health care provider.
- 2. Individuals with contagious illnesses/communicable diseases have a wide range of symptoms from none to severe. If a staff member or child is a close contact to someone in the school environment with a contagious illness/communicable disease the school nurse or designee will contact the individual/parent/guardian within 24 hours of the exposure.
- 3. Consistent with Title 28 PA Code Chapter 27 (communicable and non-communicable diseases in PA public schools), certified school nurses have the legal authority to exclude individuals who are showing symptoms of a communicable disease in order to prevent students and staff from having exposure and to reduce the spread.
- 4. Individuals who are a "close contact" of someone with a communicable disease and who do not show symptoms, may remain in school. It is <u>recommended</u> by the CDC/PA DOH that <u>asymptomatic</u> (<u>no symptoms</u>) individuals monitor for symptoms up to 10 days and wear a well-fitting face covering for up to 10 days after the exposure.
- 5. Individuals who test positive for a communicable disease should consult their health care provider and follow the provider's recommendations.
- 6. Students who are absent during the school year (2023-2024) may access missing assignments through Google Classroom. At this time, JASD will not be live streaming instruction or creating live conferences.
- 7. Johnsonburg Area School District recommends to staff, students, school volunteers, and visitors that it is really important to stay home when you do not feel well. By taking this step, you are doing your part to protect staff and students. To return to school, individuals must be fever free for 24 hours without taking medication to reduce fever.

- 8. Talk to your health care provider if you have symptoms that are concerning to you (for example: trouble breathing, shortness of breath, fever, etc.). Health care providers are an individual's source of diagnosis and care.
- 9. Vaccines may reduce the symptoms of viruses and may lead to reduced chances of hospitalization and complications. Health care providers are the best source for helping you to determine whether vaccinations are appropriate for you, your children or your family.

Together we can keep staff and students safe and healthy. Individually, if we take personal responsibility for our own health and wellness by staying home when we do not feel well, getting an appropriate amount of rest and washing our hands, each of us can contribute to the total effort of a safe and healthy school. Thank you for making this a priority.