



STAYING CONNECTED & DISINFECTED!

A HJT1 Resource to Keep Our Schools Safe and Healthy.

August, 2020

Dear School District of Hartford Jt. #1 Families & Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! The health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority this school year. We believe in actively communicating with our families, and that is why we are bringing you this NEW family newsletter so that we can continue the discussion around health and safety in our schools.

As we begin a new school year, we ask you for your patience, cooperation and understanding as we all navigate new policies and expectations for our students, staff and families. We want to assure you that we are working closely with the Washington-Ozaukee County Health Department to monitor COVID-19 recommendations for providing safe and healthy environments. We look forward to our ongoing partnership with you as we work together to make education possible for all students.

Please read through this document carefully as we provide COVID-19 information and share the steps we are taking to keep your student safe and healthy while at school.

How is COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread from person-to-person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby, or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

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Steps We are Taking to Provide Healthier Environments



CLEANING & DISINFECTING

Cleaning and disinfecting protocols will take place daily. In addition, high-touch areas will be disinfected in between student use as much as possible.

Education and reinforcement of hand hygiene.

Common Areas in all buildings will have staggered use and increased cleaning protocols.

IMPROVED VENTILATION

The buildings will have improved ventilation by increasing the amount of outdoor air, increasing total airflow, and/or increasing air filtration.



LIMITING SHARED ITEMS

Eliminating the use of lockers

Limiting shared supplies and having students use individual classroom supplies. Shared Objects will have increased sanitation requirements.

Drinking Fountains are limited to bottle filling only.



SIGNAGE & BUILDING LAYOUTS

Modified building layouts including adjusted traffic patterns and relocated classrooms to improve physical distancing.

Way-finding signage and floor adhesive signage will be utilized in high-traffic areas and will serve as reminders to students and staff to physically distance.

Safety signage and education around hand hygiene, protective measures, and symptoms awareness.

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Steps We Are Taking to *Reduce the Risk* of spread of COVID-19



HEALTH SCREENINGS

We are asking families and caregivers to screen, or monitor, their children for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 daily (see page 5 for details).

Students should stay home if they are ill.

Daily screenings at school of both STAFF and STUDENTS for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If a student displays symptoms, they will report to a "safety area" and their parent or guardian will be contacted.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

We will be maintaining physical distancing as much as possible.

PHYSICAL BARRIERS

Installation of physical barriers to separate students and teachers where physical distancing is not an option.

COHORTS

To minimize crossover among children and adults, students will remain in small groups (referred to as "cohorting") within their classroom.

Limited student movement between classrooms throughout the building.

Teachers who teach specials will rotate between the classrooms, limiting the number of spaces students will travel to.



FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings will be worn by school staff and by students in grades K-8.

Exceptions include when students are eating and/or outside. Accommodations will be provided to students with applicable documented medical conditions.

DISTRICT FACE COVERINGS

The District will provide each student with two cloth face coverings to be worn during the school day and bring home.

PERSONAL FACE COVERINGS

Students may wear their own (personal) face coverings as appropriate per Policy 5511 Dress and Grooming. Families can reference the Parent-Student Handbook for further information. Frequent washing of coverings is recommended to increase the fidelity to safety.

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We Need Your Help Too!

Here is What YOU Can Do at Home to Help Keep Your Child Healthy

- Help your child/ren wash their hands often.
- Help them avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Remind them to stay at least six feet apart from other people outside of their household.
- Remind/encourage those who are able to do so safely to cover their mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when they are around others. Some people cannot wear a cloth face covering safely. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is unable to remove the covering without assistance. In addition to medical considerations, individuals may fear racial profiling or discrimination based on wearing – or not wearing – a face covering.
- Teach them to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

Keep your student home if they are ill.

It is important for you to keep your student home when they are not feeling well. If you have any questions on whether your student should come to school, the best decision would be to keep them home and contact your health care provider to discuss your concerns. **We especially want you to keep your student home from school if they are experiencing any of the symptoms below, if they have been in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19, or if your student has been diagnosed with COVID-19.**

If you do not have a doctor, call 211 to be connected to resources that can help you access testing and care. Many clinics in Wisconsin provide services for people with little or no insurance, including:

Click here!

Free and low cost clinics

Rural health centers

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Tribal health centers

Symptoms

If you feel sick



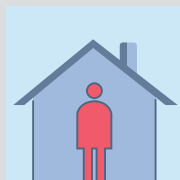
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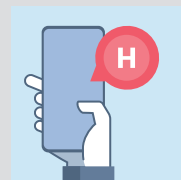
Cough



Shortness of Breath



Stay at home



Call doctor



Avoid contacts with other people

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When to keep your child home from school?

Please keep your child home from school if they have any of the symptoms below.

Excessive cough

If your child was exposed to someone with COVID-19

Sore throat

Temperature of 100.4°F or above

If your child was diagnosed with COVID-19

New loss of taste or smell

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Headache

Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Chills or shivering

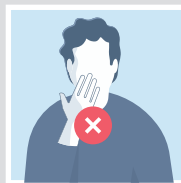
Muscle or body aches

HEALTH & SAFETY

Tips To Prevent the Spread of COVID-19



Wear a mask



Do not touch face, eyes, nose, mouth



Wash hands



Dry hands with towel



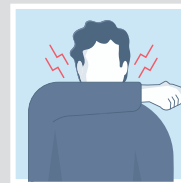
Keep objects clean



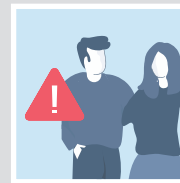
No handshaking



Do not share personal objects



Cover your mouth with elbow



Practice social distancing



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Thank you for helping us all **stay safe** by wearing your masks at school!

NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The School District of Hartford Jt. 1 Board of Education is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all students in the District. The Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex, (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student program and activities. Federal laws Title IX, 34 CFR 106.9, Section 504, 34 CFR 104.8, Title II, 28 CFR 35.106; Student Policy 2260, AG 2260D & Form 2260 F2; Staff Policy 1422, 3122, 4122.

The Board designates the following individual to serve as the District's "Compliance Officer" – Alex Kenealy, Interim Director of Pupil Services, School District of Hartford Joint #1, 402 W. Sumner St, Hartford, WI 53027, 262-673-8042, kenealy@hjt1.org. Students, parents and all other members of the School District community are encouraged to promptly report suspected violations of this policy to a teacher or administrator. The complaint procedure will follow Board Policy 2260.