



Jones County Public Schools

Jones County Schools Release Statement on COVID-19

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As news continues to spread around the United States about the coronavirus and the recent State of Emergency issued on Tuesday by Governor Roy Cooper, Jones County Schools is continuing to monitor information from federal, state, and local health officials. We want to assure the public that the district is being proactive in efforts to help prevent the spread of illness among our students and staff.

JCS Sanctioned Field Trips

- In-district JCS sanctioned field trips will occur as scheduled.
- All out-of-district JCS sanctioned field trips **are canceled as of Monday, March 16, 2020**. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Superintendent's designee on a case-by-case basis per principal's request.

District Events & Meetings

- Scheduled district meetings and events will occur as planned until further notice.
- All scheduled district meetings and events are subject to change.

School Events & Meetings

- Meetings and events at individual schools (i.e., concerts, family engagement events, parent conferences, open houses) may be held as scheduled at the discretion of the principal.
- In keeping with the guidance from state health officials, the following information must be provided to families when promoting the event: *"Based on guidance from state health officials, events that attract crowds should be avoided by those aged 65 and older, people with underlying medical conditions and those who are ill."*

Facility Use

- Current facility use of JCS buildings will continue until further notice and will be reviewed as conditions warrant.
- There will be no new building rentals until further notice.

Athletic Events

- Per the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, **Saturday, March 14, 2020 through Monday, April 6, 2020** all interscholastic athletics have been suspended. This includes all workouts, skill development, practices and contests.

Student Attendance

- Students are expected to be in school each day unless ill or unable to attend due to an unavoidable reason. Students experiencing symptoms of any illness should not attend school until they are symptom free for 24 hours.
- Parents of students with serious medical conditions should determine whether their child should attend school based on recommendations by their health care provider.

While there have been no cases reported in Jones County at this time, we want to remind everyone that we are doing everything possible to keep our campuses and buildings safe for everyone. Some tips from health officials include:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Stay home and away from others when you are sick.