



JAMAICA COLLEGE'S REOPENING PLAN 2020/2021

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GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID19

- Stay home when sick.
- Cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing.
 - Dispose of used tissue immediately.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water.
- Use hand sanitizers as necessary.
- Wear a face mask.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Avoid contact with sick people; especially those with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Maintain physical distancing of 2 m or 6 ft
- Avoid crowded areas or public gatherings.
- DO NOT spit in public.
- Do not share personal items eg. Pens.

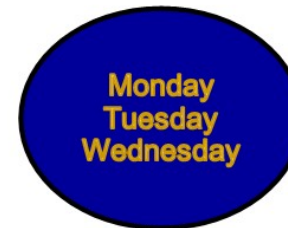
Please note, these general guidelines MUST be adhered to when traveling on public transport.

- Additionally, use bus cards instead of money where applicable

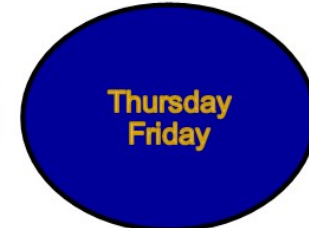
CLASSROOM AND SCHEDULING GUIDELINES

- ◆ Maximum of 20 students per classroom
- ◆ All classes will be divided in two – Group J and Group C
- ◆ Groups will attend school either physically or remotely according to the following rotation model

Week 1 on campus



Group J

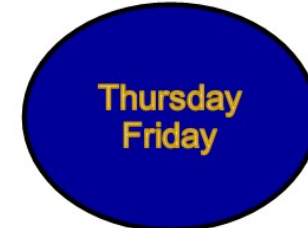


Group C

Week 2 on campus



Group C



Group J

- ◆ **Absenteeism from online/ remote classes will be treated with the same seriousness as that from physical classes.**

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

Arrival for temperature checks and sanitization
(6:00– 7:45)

Form Time: Report to rooms for prayers and announcements (7:30-8:00)

Classes begin. (8:00)

Remain in classroom until the other teacher arrives. Students must maintain all safety protocols including social distancing.

1st to 3rd. Remain in classrooms even between sessions unless otherwise instructed

Grade specific lunch breaks. Students will go to the canteen and observe all canteen procedures.

Students are discouraged from purchasing food from vendors in the public sphere.

Pathways for walking will generally be ONE WAY unless otherwise stated.

Leave in an orderly fashion, maintain safety protocols including physical distancing in all public spaces (3 pm)

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

Prepare students for a quick drop off in the mornings.

Parents are encouraged to use online facilities before considering face to face appointments.

Only if necessary, parents doing business on the compound should use the designated zones to be checked and sanitized before speaking directly with someone from the offices. (8:15— 10:15) (12:00—2:00)

Follow the guidance of traffic wardens to keep the flow and safety on the compound.

School dismisses at 2:55. Pick-up follows.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR VISITORS

NO VISITORS ALLOWED ON CAMPUS BEFORE 8:15 AM UNLESS GIVEN SPECIAL PERMISSION

After 8:15am you will be temperature checked and sanitized at the gate

Park at the visitors' parking by the upper school Vice-Principal's office

Proceed directly to admin offices or Old Boys' office.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN PUBLIC SPACES

ENTRANCE

All persons entering the compound must follow the required protocols.

CLASSROOMS

- Social distancing **MUST** be maintained by staff and students at all times within classrooms.
 - Students will be seated at designated desk, that are marked for social distancing.
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PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN PUBLIC SPACES

BATHROOMS

- Crowding is not allowed in the bathrooms.
 - Students are expected to observe the designated numbers allowed in each bathroom.
 - Avoid touching unnecessary areas and keep appropriate distance at all times.
 - Ensure that your hands are washed thoroughly (20 seconds) after use.
 - Social distancing must be maintained at all times when using these facilities.
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LUNCH SPACES

- Students will have lunch in their classrooms.
 - Students are encouraged to take their lunches to school.
 - Students using the canteen must follow the established protocols
 - Students are expected to keep their classrooms clean at all times.
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CO-CURRICULAR SPACES

Co-curricular activities will be formatted along health protocols.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN PUBLIC SPACES

AUDITORIUM

- We will have limited general assemblies for the first term of the school year.
- Sections of the auditorium may be used to provide a safe and supervised space for the few students who are unable to engage in remote learning at home.
- The auditorium will also be used for staff meetings and other such gatherings where social distancing can be ensured.

LIBRARY

- Individual use of the library will be limited.
- Students will be able to search online catalog for resources then seek permission to access available resources.
- Use of computers will be limited throughout the day.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- All students and staff feeling ill are to report to the health department.
- All persons in the nurse's station must continue to wear masks and maintain social and physical distancing.
- All persons entering the area will be screened

No loitering in the area.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What should my son do when he stays home?

Students engaged in remote learning are expected to:

- Follow the timetable and attend ALL classes via Google Classroom
- **Wear his uniform**
- Use his JC email to access all platforms
- Have his camera on when engaged online.

What if we have neither a suitable device nor credit?

In circumstances where this is the case, have a discussion with the Dean of student affairs.

What do I do if my son shows symptoms of corona?

NO STUDENT IS TO BE SENT TO SCHOOL IF DISPLAYING THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19.

Should a student develop Covid- like symptoms while at school:

- He will be immediately isolated
- A parent will be called as well as the ministry of health and wellness for testing.
- The student will then have to stay home until symptoms disappear or if instructed by the MOHW stay home for two-three weeks.

I am especially worried because my son has unique illnesses which make him more vulnerable to the disease. What should I do?

JC is not equipped to provide special protection for students with underlying health conditions. The decision as to whether a child attends school on face-to-face days must be made by each parent and a report submitted to the school after consultation with a doctor.

Does my son have to wear the mask all day everyday?

- It is required that students wear their masks except when eating or drinking.
- Physical education classes might have exceptions but always with the safety of students in mind.

What will happen if my son forgets his mask?

Students will not be allowed on the campus without a mask.

Should my son take his smart phone and/or tablet to school?

Yes. This is strongly encouraged. However, you are responsible for ensuring the safety and security of your device! Staff members are not mandated to sort through missing or broken devices.

Are sixth formers required to be at school for the duration of the school day?

Sixth formers are encouraged to come only when they have classes and leave when they do not. Parents must guide these young men to ensure they are not late and that they do not skip classes, abusing the freedom.

What do I need for a safe day at school?

Each student needs at least two masks, hand-sanitizer, a reusable water bottle, and soap.

Additional information can be found on the [JAMCOVID App](#) and the [Ministry of Education's communication pages](#).