OVID Plan 2 JALSD if we have identified cases of COVID-19 in our community

If local health officials report that there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the community, our schools may need to take additional steps in response to prevent spread in the school. The first step in this situation is to talk with local health officials. The guidance provided by them will be based on their current knowledge of COVID-19.

The JALSD COVID Response Team will work closely with local health officials to determine a course of action for our schools. We will work with them to determine if, when, and for how long our schools may need to be closed.

Temporarily closing schools is a strategy to stop or slow the further spread of COVID-19 in communities. During school closures, schools may stay open for staff members (unless ill) while students stay home.

If possible and approved by health officials, we may have staff report to work. The building may be closed to the public which a) allows teachers to develop and deliver lessons and materials remotely, via Internet, website, email etc. thus maintaining continuity of teaching and learning; (note: Student Chromebooks will be available to students grades 1-12 to use at home.

b) allows non-teaching staff members to continue to provide services and help with additional response efforts.

If it is determined to be necessary to close facilities and keep staff home, online learning will continue with teachers working from home utilizing Google Classroom.

Our School Response Team will work in close collaboration and coordination with local health officials, other school districts and safety officials to make decisions about cancelling or closing large events to the public.

Our school Response Team won't make decisions about dismissal or canceling events on their own. We will seek specific guidance from local health officials to determine if, when, and for how long to take these steps. Large event cancellations or school cancellations may be recommended for 14 days, or possibly longer if advised by local health officials. The nature of these actions (e.g., geographic scope, duration) may change as the local outbreak situation evolves.

If an ill student or staff member attended school prior to being confirmed as a COVID-19 case:

- Local health officials may recommend temporary school closures if a student or staff member attended school prior to being confirmed as a COVID-19 case.
- Local health officials' recommendations for the scope (e.g., a single school, a full district) and duration of school closures will be made on a case-by-case basis based on the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and the specific cases in our community.

Communication:

Our School district will work with the local health department and other relevant leadership to communicate the possible COVID-19 exposure. This communication to the school community will align with our communication plan that includes providing information via email, robo-calls, media releases, use of the district web site and in some cases written postings throughout our community.

Reminder in these circumstances, it is critical to maintain confidentiality of the student or staff member as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

If a student or staff member has been identified with COVID-19, We will seek guidance from local health officials to determine when students and staff should return to schools and what additional steps are needed for the school community.

In addition, students and staff who are well but are taking care of or share a home with someone with a case of COVID-19 should follow instructions from local health officials to determine when to return to school.

If schools are cancelled, The Team will come together to make decisions regarding the following issues:

- Canceling extracurricular group activities and large events.

- Canceling or postponing events such as after-school assemblies and pep rallies, field trips, and sporting events.

- Discouraging students and staff from gathering or socializing anywhere.

- Discouraging gatherings at places like a friend's house, a favorite restaurant, or the local shopping mall.

- How to ensure continuity of education. Continuity actions may include any or all of the following: Implement e-learning plans, including digital and distance learning options as feasible and appropriate, Distribution of learning resources or posting resources online, work with the local libraries to identify books and reading activities appropriate for each grade level, place resources on our website that allow for independent study including INFOhio, Khan Academy, ReadWorks, etc. (note: Student Chromebooks will be available to students grades 1-12 to use at Home.

- We will continue to look at the following issues:

    ○ If a waiver is needed for state requirements regarding state testing.

    ○ How to ensure continuity of meal programs and determine if there is a way to distribute food to students in need. If there is community spread of COVID-19, design strategies to avoid distribution in settings where people might gather in a group or crowd. Consider options such as "grab-and-go" bagged lunches or meal delivery.

- Work with Health officials to communicate to our families information about alternatives for providing essential medical and social services for students and families