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Jefferson County School System assures our community that the safety of our students and staff are of utmost importance. In addition, we believe that face-to-face instruction is best for student learning while acknowledging that COVID-19 has posed serious difficulties and uncertainty on how this may look. After researching guidance from the CDC and the Department of Public Health, we embraced a "return to normalcy" philosophy for the 2023-2024 school year.

Masks are optional in buildings and buses. The District continues to make disposable masks available to those who request them and also encourages the wearing of masks at large school-based events or gatherings. Appropriate sanitization protocols are in place and utilize both Bioesque spray and wipes as needed.

We also appreciate and understand that the families of medically fragile students may not be comfortable with in-person classes. Our staff works with these families on a case by case basis to develop a plan for instruction that best meets the educational needs of the student in a way that balances medical needs outlined by family physicians.

With that noted, we will continue to monitor and follow all CDC and Department of Public Health guidelines. As a result, all plans are subject to change based on latest guidance from officials. Once again, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority.

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Superintendent