Jefferson School District 251 will be open with safety and health protocols in place to mitigate and limit the spread of COVID-19. Staying up to date on routine vaccinations is essential to prevent illness from many different infections. The COVID-19 vaccination is the leading public health strategy for prevention. Not only does it provide individual-level protection, but high vaccination coverage reduces the burden of COVID-19 on people, schools, and communities.

**Staying Home When Sick**

Students who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home. If your student tests positive for COVID-19 you should consult with a healthcare provider right away for possible treatment, even if symptoms are mild. The CDC does not have a quarantine in place for COVID-19. The district recommends keeping your student’s home if they are ill. Students can miss seven days each trimester with a parent verified absence.

**Mitigation Strategies**

- Busses, classrooms, and commonly used areas will be disinfected and cleaned frequently.
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day.
- Students will be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in schools, classrooms, and common areas.

**Summary**

Jefferson School District 251 will continue to monitor any illness that is a significant threat to the wellness of our students and school district. The district will follow the recommendations and guidance from the CDC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to a member of the administration.

*This is a living document and will be updated and reviewed as needed.*