

JEMEZ VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RE-ENTRY FOLLOWING SPRING BREAK: APRIL 12, 2021

(This is a working plan that may change based on updates by NMDOH and NMPED.)

We acknowledge and fully appreciate the concern parents, school board members, staff, and the Pueblo leadership have expressed with in-person learning options based on health and safety. Weighing those concerns with the potential for learning loss represents the most difficult of competing priorities. As of today, NM Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has announced the expectation that districts and charter schools within the State of New Mexico will initiate full reentry (in-person) learning for all students who elect it by April 5, 2021. The expectation is to provide a full-day in-person week option with observing social distancing practices, although some on a less strict level; and the option for any family to elect for their student to remain remote, if they so choose. The JVPS Spring Break would mean that our first day with in-person learning could be April 12, 2021.

JVPS RESPONSE TO NEW IN-PERSON LEARNING EXPECTATION FROM THE NM GOVERNOR AND NMPED

The timing for JVPS to move into full reentry (in-person) would be contingent upon:

- MERV 13 filter are delivered with installation by March 31, 2021;
- Successful Fire Marshall Inspection;
- Surveillance testing of 25% of unvaccinated staff per week.

SCHOOL BOARD DECISIONS

School boards are asked to reconvene and rework their previous decisions based on these new expectations. While NMPED is calling these “expectations” the reality is that they serve as “mandatory” as any district that does not comply will be going solo in terms of related litigation.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

- In-Person Learning – At JVPS, this is four full-days of in-person instruction at school.
- Remote Learning – At JVPS, this is virtual and online instruction via the internet through Google Classroom, Edgenuity, etc. which is accessed by students through Chromebooks / iPads from home.

LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY

In order to provide equitable time for instruction to both remote and in-person learners, all students will be required to receive full-day instruction four days per week. *New instructional day will be 7:35 am – 3:35 pm.*

PARENT CHOICE

Parents will be provided the options of remote or in-person learning four days per week through the end of this school year. Teachers will be discussing these options with parents during parent-teacher conferences during the week of March 15, 2021.

Pueblo Residents – JVPS will respect the authority of sovereign tribes; ‘in no case will a student be required to return to in-person learning if doing so would violate the requirements of a Pueblo’s lockdown.’ Buses, for the purpose of transporting students to/from the JVPS campus, will only run within the Pueblos upon a written request signed by the Pueblo Governor.

Options and Limited Flexibility: In order to deliver meals and plan for Covid-safe instruction, we cannot accommodate full flexibility throughout the remaining weeks of the school year. Parents/legal guardians select an “option” for their child(ren) and stick with it for the entire week and the remainder of the school year.

- Option 1: Fully remote, full-day four days per week, through June 17, 2021. Parents/legal guardians who choose this option may not drop their child at school intermittently based on day-to-day or week-to-week changes. (This option allows for a change to full in-person for students residing on tribal lands for whom a governor’s decision on lockdown status changes.)
- Option 2: Fully in-person, full-day four days per week, through June 17, 2021. Students may choose to return to remote learning for the remainder of the school year if that decision is made by April 19, 2021.

Parent Choice Contracts: Will be made available via email and hard copy.

ACADEMIC PACKETS

Unless documented as a required service, academic packets will stop for those students attending in-person instruction.

FIELD TRIPS

JVPS would like to offer some field trips for social-emotional reasons during the final days of school. However, field trips will follow the health orders, parental decisions, and Pueblo governors’ decisions at the time of scheduling.

SAFETY

Our priority is the health and safety of students and staff while maximizing opportunities for learning. Every school will employ COVID-safe practices including mask-wearing, physical distancing and rigorous cleaning protocols.

NMPED CHANGES TO COVID-SAFE PRACTICES

- Requirement of districts to offer every student in-person learning for full days and full weeks.
- The requirement for 6 ft of social distancing has gone from “required” to “to the greatest extent possible”.
- The requirement for no more than 2 students per seat on the bus has gone from “required” to “to the extent possible”.
- The use of student cohorts is no longer required and *all* students may be in school at the same time if parents so choose.
- The use of 5:1 pods (student to teacher ratio) are completely gone as remote and in-person options are available to every student.
- The requirement for surveillance testing of staff has gone from the required 25% of all staff per week to 25% of staff per week only for those who do not show a vaccination card. *This surveillance testing must be started two weeks prior to the students’ in-person return.*
- Staff with high-risk conditions will be required to return to work two weeks after they received the *opportunity* to be vaccinated.
- Athletics can commence immediately. Spectator rules apply based on the color of the county where schools are located (see *County Colors* table, below).
- Music classes are now fully permitted with specialized Covid-safe practices which include singing and playing instruments outdoors with special masks, bell covers on wind instruments, specialized sanitization practices. Practice room use is permitted with one student in a practice room.
- “Deep” cleaning days have gone from best practice to requiring NMPED approval (which is unlikely due to 4-day school week).

County Colors: Applies to NMPED changes, above. On 3/10/21, Sandoval County is in Yellow.

Red Level *** VERY HIGH RISK ***	Yellow Level *** HIGH RISK ***	Green Level *** MEDIUM RISK ***	Turquoise Level *** LOW RISK ***
Counties at the Red Level are those with a new COVID-19 case incident rate of greater than 8 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period and an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results over the most recent 14-day period greater than 5%.	Counties at the Yellow Level have either a new COVID-19 case incidence rate of no greater than 8 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period, or an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results over the most recent 14-day period less than or equal to 5%.	Counties at the Green Level have both a new COVID-19 case incidence rate of no greater than 8 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period, and an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results over the most recent 14-day period less than or equal to 5%.	Counties at the Turquoise Level have reached the Green Level for two consecutive biweekly map updates.
Spectator Limit	Spectator Limit	Spectator Limit	Spectator Limit
No spectators permitted.	25% of capacity, if outdoor No indoor option	50% of capacity, if outdoor 25% of capacity, if indoor	75% of capacity, if outdoor 33% of capacity, if indoor

JVPS COVID-SAFE PRACTICES

POSITIVE CASES IN SCHOOLS

Established Rapid Response Protocol provides a chain of actions school administrators and our district nurse will follow in case of a positive infection. These instructions include reporting to the proper authorities, isolating the sick individual, identifying and notifying close contacts, how and when to clean the affected area, and whether one or more classrooms, an isolated wing, or an entire school must close for 10-14 days. JVPS principals, in conjunction with the school nurse, will notify families of all COVID positive cases, and the NMPED will publish case number updates on the website. A hotline has been established between schools and NMPED to quickly report these cases and start the process. Parents of any symptomatic student(s) will be notified immediately and parents of students with any close contact to a positive case will also be notified.

FULL / PARTIAL CLOSURE PROCESS (NMPED)

- 2 cases in a 14-day period = placement on NMPED Watch List for 14 days from the last reported case.
- 4 cases in a 14-day period = transition to remote-only (with the exception of 5:1 groups) for 14 days.

Due to the size of our district and depending on how many people are exposed, this may pose a potential problem with staffing coverage.

RE-ENTRY FEATURES

1. Surveillance Testing – A surveillance testing program for 25% of unvaccinated staff per week and 100% of unvaccinated staff monthly.
2. Rapid response testing plan for symptomatic staff and students.
3. Social Distancing – 6 ft of social distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible.
4. Technology – All instruction, including in-person, will continue to utilize devices with teacher ability to instruct using Chromebooks/iPads, smartboards, document cameras, and whiteboards.
5. Lunches – In-person lunches will be accomplished through the use of a variety of outdoor, library, cafeteria, and classroom facilities at 6 ft of social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Per union contract, teachers must have a duty-free lunch therefore background checked adult volunteers may be solicited to assistance with lunch duty.
6. Hall Movement – Elementary teachers will travel between classes. Secondary students will travel in a staggered fashion accompanied by supervising teachers / staff.
7. Music Restrictions – Music classes are now fully permitted with specialized COVID-safe practices which include singing and playing instruments outdoors with special masks, bell covers on wind instruments, and specialized sanitization practices. Practice room use is permitted with one student in a practice room.
8. Classroom Access – Outside entry doors to classrooms will be used to reduce traffic in hallways.
9. Masks – Face coverings will be required for all students and staff with limited expectations for students or staff who have a medically validated reason for not being able to wear a face mask. Staff will be notified as to which students have been waived.
10. Staff Health Screenings – All staff will be screened on a daily basis, including a temperature check and a review of potential Covid symptoms.
11. Contact Tracing – A plan for contact tracing for staff and students has been created by our District Nurse based on NMDOH regulations.
12. Transportation – Per NMPED, maximum of two students may sit together on a bus seat. We will strive for fewer and request parents volunteer to transport their student(s). Air circulation will be accomplished through open bus windows. (Students should dress warmly for bus transport during cold weather.)
13. Academic Packets – Students in remote learning will continue to receive packets delivered via school bus routes.
14. Hand Sanitizer / Soap – Regular usage of hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) by students and staff will be built into the instructional day. Hand soap will be available in all restrooms and classrooms with sinks.
15. MERV 13 Filters – Filters will be installed in each HVAC rooftop unit to improve air filtration as soon as they are delivered. The HVAC systems include individual HVAC units for all student classrooms.
16. Restrooms – Restroom traffic by students will be staggered and monitored by teachers via staff radios.
17. Communication – Establish and maintain communication with DOH and health officials within Pueblos.

FACE COVERING/MASK

- Masks must be worn at all times except while eating or drinking during meals.
- Each student and staff member will receive 2 school issued washable face masks. Extra disposable masks are available, as needed.
 - Students may also wear their own masks if they fit properly and meet NMDOH requirements. Cloth masks or surgical masks are acceptable. Neck gaiters and masks with vents are not acceptable.
- Staff Mask Exemptions
 - JVPS employees alone in an office or classroom may choose not to wear a mask; but masks must be worn at all times when interacting with others or walking through JVPS buildings.
 - Staff medical exemptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Requests must be provided to school nurse in writing. Exemptions will be documented with medically-necessary reason by a medical practitioner and acknowledgement of discussion of risks associated with mask exemption with school nurse and health provider.
- Student Mask Exemption
 - Student medical exemptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Requests must be provided to school nurse in writing. Exemptions will be documented with medically-necessary reason by a medical practitioner and acknowledgement of discussion of risks associated with mask exemption with school nurse and health provider.
 - Students with a “personal” exemption will be offered the remote learning option at this time.

COVID-19 MONITORING

- Surveillance Testing – Mandatory surveillance testing of all unvaccinated staff. A rapid response testing program for all staff will be utilized through Vault, a Public Health Office or Curative at 25% for all unvaccinated staff per week, and 100% of unvaccinated staff monthly. Unvaccinated volunteers will adhere to surveillance testing protocol.
- Staff Daily Health Screening – Upon arriving at assigned building/post, daily screening of all staff includes a temperature check and a review of potential Covid symptoms. Staff must document results in the JVPS COVID Screening Form developed by the district nurse. All volunteers will adhere to daily health screening protocol.
- Student Daily Health Assessment – Prior to sending their student to school, the parent/guardian will assess their student’s health daily utilizing the Health Check Questionnaire developed by the District Nurse.
- Contact tracing plan for staff and students with a positive COVID-19 test result or symptomatic.

TRANSPORTATION

- To the extent possible, seat assignment will be no more than two students per seat.
- Parent transport will be sought to reduce the number of students on buses. Consistency with parent-transport is critical.
- Carpooling / ride-sharing of students from separate households is not supported.
- Students will use hand sanitizer prior to entering and exiting the bus.
- Buses, for the purpose of transporting students to/from the JVPS campus, will run within a Pueblo upon a written request signed by the Pueblo’s Governor.
- If a student exhibits COVID symptoms after entering a bus, the driver/bus aid will immediately radio the school secretary who will contact the student’s parent/guardian to arrange for immediate pick-up of the student.
- Volunteers will be solicited to assist with monitoring students during bus routes.

MEALS

For in-person learning:

- Breakfast and lunch will be delivered to the classroom.
- Students will receive a bagged lunch and be assigned to socially distanced and supervised indoor/outdoor areas maintaining the separation of classrooms.
- Students will use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, hand sanitizing wipes or wash hands before and after meals.
- Bottled water usage by students and staff; water fountains are turned off.
- Volunteers will be solicited to assist with monitoring students during lunch.
- The serving of hot meals through lunch lines will be based on reduced infection and revised guidance by NMPED.

For remote learning:

- Meals (breakfast and lunch) will be delivered Mondays – Thursdays during morning bus routes.
- Academic Packets will continue to be delivered with meals on Thursdays to remote learners.
- Students or the parent/guardian must wear a face mask when receiving meals and/or homework packets.

Questions on student meal service and/or delivery should be directed to the school secretaries as follows:

- Elementary: Jessica Gallegos at 575-834-7391 (ext. 309) or jgallegos@jvps.org
- Secondary: Sissy Griego at 575-834-7391 (ext. 312) or sgriego@jvps.org

ENTRANCE/EXIT

- Wherever possible, students will enter and exit via the backdoor to classes avoiding large congregate areas.
- Each entrance and exit will have an alcohol-based sanitizer station located indoors.
- Each entrance and exit will be cleaned, sanitized and disinfected based on cleaning protocol.
- Temperatures will be taken at the front entrance and logged into COVID confidential screening questionnaire by all employees, contractors and visitors.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Transportation – Per NMPED regulations, two students maximum per seat on the bus. We will prioritize individual seating along with two in a seat for students residing in the same household. We must be clear with parents that this will not provide for 6 ft of social distancing but is compliant with NMPED rules. Parents, electing in-person learning for their student, may choose to and are encouraged to transport their student(s) to/from school. Carpooling is not supported.
- Controlled Entrance / Exits – COVID signage on indicated entrance / exit areas including spaced lines to designate entrance and exit flow paths.
- Hallways – Utilizing both sides of a hallway, only staggered secondary passing periods will occur when necessary with students walking approximately 6 feet apart in a single file along the wall. If needed, hallways will be cordoned off to ensure distancing. COVID signage has been purchased for clarity.
- Student / Staff Movement through Schools – Elementary teachers will rotate to students, whenever possible, and stay in classrooms rather than students moving from class to class. Secondary students will travel through social distanced, staggered, and supervised hallways to change classes.
- Recess – Staggered to keep classes separate and students distanced.
- Lunch – Boxed/bagged meals will be served in classrooms or in outdoor areas avoiding large group, indoor gatherings.
- Restroom Breaks – Trips to the restroom will be scheduled by the building principal in a staggered fashion that utilizes all open restrooms. Restrooms will be sanitized by custodians regularly throughout the day.

STUDENT & FAMILY SUPPORTS

- Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures (i.e. scheduled handwashing, covering coughs, face covering consistency).
- Educate parents for signs of illness, to keep children home when ill and to keep children home when active COVID is present within the household.
- Social emotional learning skills and concepts will be presented to students, weekly, as permitted by the delivery method chosen.
- Breakfast and lunch provided to all students on school days. Meals provided at school to students with in-person learning option and delivered to students at designated bus stops with remote learning option.
- Academic Packets will continue to be provided to students, as requested by parents, electing remote only learning model. Exceptions will be made for students electing in-person learning if documented as a required service.
- Consistent communication with the student's parent/guardian and updates to Tribal entities (Governors, Education Department).

EXPECTATIONS

- Daily attendance for all students is expected regardless of in-person or remote learning.
- A balanced curricular approach in terms of rigor will be prioritized.
- Parental assistance will continue to be needed for academic and technological success at all levels, more so for elementary students.

- Masked parental presence at the bus stop for students in grades PreK to 1st to ensure safety protocols for in-person learning or to receive meals/academic packets for remote learning students.
- Transportation by school bus will take longer in order to drop off meals to remote learning students.
- Parent choice for remote learning of their student(s) would need to maintain that choice after April 19, 2021 through June 17, 2021 unless the student was residing in a Pueblo that has relaxed their lockdown requirements.
- Parental choice for in-person learning of their student(s) would need to maintain that choice after April 19, 2021 and through June 17, 2021.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DAYS

- Ten (10) additional days of instruction to mitigate learning loss and to provide time for student reward and motivational activities have already been included in the 2020 - 2021 instructional calendar.
- Ten (10) professional development days for teachers which will include training on remote learning strategies and social emotional learning have already been included in the 2020 - 2021 calendar. Nine of these have been completed.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Individuals who are symptomatic or have been exposed to a COVID positive individual, or have an active COVID case in their household will not be allowed to enter the school buildings.

Visitors:

- Essential visitors will adhere to daily health screening and mask wearing protocol.
- Non-essential visitors will be restricted
- Parents may not enter the building to pick up students early at the end of the day. Early departure of students will not be permitted during the last 30 minutes of the instructional day. A phone system will be implemented.

Volunteers:

- Volunteers (i.e. parents, guardians, adult community members) will be solicited to assist with monitoring of students during bus routes and lunch duty.
- All volunteers must pass a fingerprint background check prior to assisting.
- Volunteers will adhere to the same protocols as staff (i.e. surveillance testing, symptomatic rapid response testing, daily health screening, mask wearing).
- Non-essential volunteers will be restricted.

SANITIZATION PLAN

- Covid-safe practice cleaning includes sanitization of student desk tops, book carriages, legs and edges, restrooms, doors, chairs, and floors.
- CDC approved sanitizing solutions will be used in spray containers throughout each school day to maintain daily cleanliness of frequently touched surfaces (student, desktops, door handles, intercom buttons, door edges, pencil sharpeners, other frequently touched areas).
- Students will wipe down their assigned desk with a soap and water cleaning solution prior to leaving the classroom each period. Students not permitted to utilize disinfectant and must use a soap-based cleaning solution per NMDOH/NM Environmental regulations.

SANITIZING /DISINFECTING PROTOCOLS

Twice Daily (morning / afternoon)	Custodians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Front entrances and exits including door handles, hand sanitizer pumps, etc. ● Elementary handrails; ● Classroom, office, and building door handles ● Restrooms, staff and student including sinks, sink handles; toilet seats, handles, and bowls; and light switches ● Health office including door handles; sinks, sink handles; toilet seats, handles, and bowls; and light switches
	Bus Drivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bus handrails ● Student seats including top front and back ● Window notches

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Driver’s seat, control panel, radio
	Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Desk Area – Beginning or end of the day and prior to eating
Daily	Custodians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Isolation rooms mopped/vacuumed daily
	Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Immediate work areas including keyboards, computer mouse, desk surface, phone, chair

Handwashing (HW) / Sanitizing (S) Schedule:

- Prior to entering and exiting Bus (S)
- Prior to entering classroom (S)
- Prior to eating (HW/S)
- Prior to outdoor play (HW/S)
- Prior to entering classroom (HW/S)
- Prior to entering bus (S)

Restrooms:

- Bathrooms will be routinely cleaned, sanitized and disinfected per cleaning schedule included, herein.
- Principals will create a schedule to minimize congregate restroom use; staff radios (walkie-talkies) will be used to monitor individual student trips to the restrooms.

SUSPECTED SICK STUDENT SYMPTOMS & PROCEDURE

If a student states he/she has any of the following symptoms (and/or a teacher/staff member observes any of the following symptoms), the student will not enter and/or immediately be separated from students and will remain in the designated isolation room until a parent/guardian pick-up:

- Shortness of breath
- Throat pain
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Muscle pain (new or unexplained)
- Chills/sweating (unexplained)
- Congestion/runny nose
- Fever/flushed face
- Cough (new or unexplained)

Students will not be able to attend school or ride school transportation in the event they are exhibiting any of the above symptoms. Students will need to be COVID tested, with a negative result and/or be symptom free for 72 hours (without symptom-relieving medications) prior to returning to campus.

Students who have chronic conditions, including but not limited to asthma or allergies, must have controlled symptoms prior to in-person learning.

TRAINING

- Staff training in all departments about the processes and protocols to be followed upon in-person student return.
- Online training of students/parents on processes and protocols to be followed upon in-person student return.
- Custodial and transportation department training prior to in-person student return.

JVPS STUDENT SCHEDULE OPTIONS

Option 1: Fully remote, four days per week, through June 17, 2021.

Option 2: Fully in-person, four days per week, through June 17, 2021.

Teachers will present information to remote and in-person students simultaneously but may separate students for independent seat work.

PK - 12 (BASIC) INSTRUCTIONAL PATTERN

- A = In Person
- B = Online students

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:35 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.	A = F2F B = Online	A = F2F B = Online	A = Online B = Online	A = Online B = Online

DUTY DAY FOR STAFF: 7:30 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.

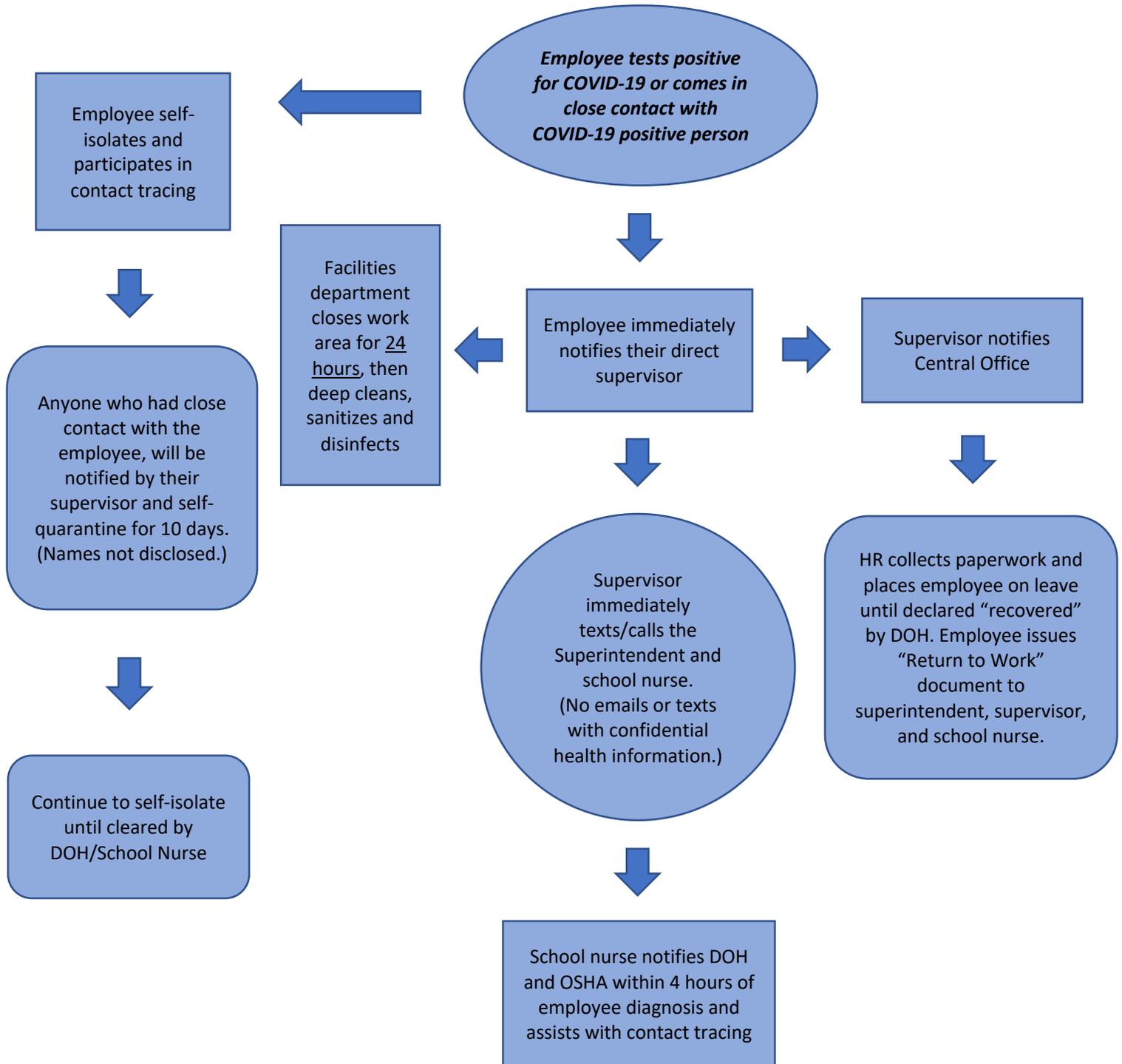
ELEMENTARY STUDENT SCHEDULE

Daily Schedule Grades: Pk, K, 1, 2		Daily Schedule Grades: 3, 4, 5	
7:35 am– 3:35 pm	Instruction	7:35 am– 3:35 pm	Instruction
30 minutes TBD	Lunch 1	30 minutes TBD	Lunch 2

SECONDARY SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday	Middle School & High School Times
Teachers Arrive	7:30 am
Period 1	7:35 am – 8:29 am
Period 2	8:34 am – 9:28 am
Period 3	9:33 am – 10:27 am
Period 4	10:32 am – 11:26 am
Period 5 - Advisory	11:31 am – 12:01 pm
Lunch	12:06 pm – 12:36 pm
Period 6	12:43 pm – 1:37 pm
Period 7	1:42 pm – 2:36 pm
Period 8	2: 41 pm – 3:35 pm
Teacher dismissal except on PLC and staff meeting days.	3:50 p.m.

RAPID RESPONSE PROTOCOL FOR STAFF



Isolation is used to separate anyone, sick or infected, from others by staying in a specific “sick room” or area and using a separate bathroom (if available)

Close Contact is when a person wearing a surgical or cloth mask has close contact, LESS than 6 feet and GREATER than 3 minutes with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 who is also wearing a surgical or cloth mask

Quarantine is used to separate people who might have come in contact with a person infected with COVID-19 from others. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health and follow NM DOH guidelines