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GUIDANCE FOR JSD HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF JUNEAU

Each travel opportunity is considered on the individual conditions at the time of travel. Travel outside of Juneau requires some advance approval due to the logistics in canceling or changing reservations, etc. Activities Directors and Principals work closely with the Superintendent as travel approaches so decisions can be made in a timely manner. Parents/guardians always have the option to opt out of travel, even if the team their child is participating in is approved for travel.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL:

Are cases high or increasing in our community or the destination? The more cases in our community or at the destination, the more likely you are to get and spread COVID-19 as a result of your door-to-door travel. [Alaska Alert Levels](#)

Are hospitals in our community or the destination overwhelmed with patients who have COVID-19? [Alaska Hospital Status Dashboard](#)

What is the vaccination rate in our community and at the destination?

What is the vaccination rate of the coaches and team?

What percentage of the team is not eligible for the vaccine?

Length of trip.

Does Juneau or destination have requirements or restrictions for travelers? Check local [mandates](#) before you travel.

Generally speaking:

- ☐ travel to communities who are in the low/green/minimal risk status, while Juneau is in minimal or Level 1 risk status is routinely approved.
- ☐ district related staff and student travel is evaluated on a trip by trip basis at yellow and red risk levels, any level other than the lowest level a community uses. (either in Juneau or destination).
- ☐ travel under the yellow or red risk levels must be approved on an individual trip to trip basis and the considerations above will play a part in determining approval.
- ☐ If one of the locations (Juneau or the destination) are the very highest level for that community, whether defined as High/red or Very High/Dark Red, no travel

- will be permitted.
- ☐ Any exception to this High/Very High protocol will be based on specific data points at time of travel.
- ☐ Final approval for travel rests with the Superintendent.
- ☐ The Superintendent consults with Juneau Public Health and CBJ.

TESTING:

Weekly COVID-19 PCR testing will be made available to activities programs beginning the week of April 19. For eligibility to participate in activities, compete in local events and to qualify for travel, a COVID-19 test will be required for coaches and athletes in all activities.

Student athletes and coaches who are fully vaccinated can show proof of vaccination to ADs to be exempt from surveillance testing. Wrestling participants must continue to be tested even if vaccinated.

Anyone who has been instructed by public health not to test should have a waiver for the time period they are exempt from testing. Anyone that has tested positive does not have to test for 90 days, with the date provided by public health.

Details on logistics will be shared with families through coaches each week. Testing will typically be done on Wednesdays or as conveniently as possible for each team for competition/travel.

There is no cost to the athlete or coach. Insurance will be billed, but if insurance does not cover the cost of the test or the entire cost of the test, there will still be no cost to the family or the coach. There will be no copay. Zero cost to the student or the coach.

Tests will be processed at Bartlett Regional Hospital and results will be available within 24 hours.

In the initial registration for testing, parents and coaches will need to upload a photo of their insurance card, ROI and a photo ID (student and coach).

The purpose of surveillance testing for activities is to use every tool at our disposal to keep activities going and maximize opportunities for competition and travel.

MASKS:

The current JSD Board adopted Mask Mandate: Masks, or similar facial coverings designed to mitigate COVID-19 transmission and are well-fitted covering both mouth and nose, are required for all persons indoors in Juneau School District facilities. Masks are optional for staff, students, and visitors while outside on District grounds.

JSD activity mask mandate will be followed during practices and competitions.

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It is recommended that even vaccinated people wear masks outdoors in crowded events, including sporting events. For school events, everyone must wear masks if closer than 6 feet because most students are still not eligible to receive the vaccine.

CBJ Mask Mandate states: *Wearing a mask is also required outdoors when at a gathering or when six-feet distancing cannot be maintained.*

Masks will be worn at all times indoors when not eating.

Inside of hotel rooms/group housing masks can come off. Each hotel room/housing space would be considered a “pod”.

Masks must be worn when inside of vehicles.

Masks can be off when athletes are outside and more than 6 feet apart.

LODGING:

Whenever possible, students should be assigned two to a room (providing each student with their own bed).

Group housing is an option with mitigation measures in place.

Length of trips will be minimized as much as possible.

Avoid taking the elevator with people outside your group. Avoid hotel game rooms, pools, hot tubs, saunas, and fitness centers.

FOOD:

Take out, delivery or food from grocery stores taken back to rooms is preferred.

When traveling to a low or moderate level community, teams can choose to dine in.

VISITORS:

Athletes will not be allowed to go with family members who are not in their immediate family (who they live with regularly) or have family members/visitors in team hotel rooms. A family may choose to travel with the team and have their child stay with them in their room, rather than a team room.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

When travel and activity schedules allow, students will attend their classes via zoom.

Teachers who are also coaches are encouraged to “telework” as much as possible to maintain delivery of instruction to their students via zoom. This will be coordinated with their principals.

RETURNING TO JUNEAU:

- The State of Alaska and City and Borough of Juneau currently have no travel testing or quarantine requirements.
- Testing of non-vaccinated people is the best means for limiting the spread of COVID-19 virus and variants, so it is recommended that non-vaccinated travelers take advantage of the free COVID-19 testing available at the airport.
- Social distancing is recommended until test results are available.
- Testing is not recommended for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within 90 days.
- Fully-vaccinated travelers do not need to test or self-quarantine.
- Get tested and self-isolate if you get sick or develop COVID-19 symptoms.

POST SEASON PLAY:

Wrestling: May 21 and 22; Hosted by ASD

Soccer: May 27-29; Eagle River, Service and West Anchorage High Schools

Track and Field: May 28 and 29; Hosted by Dimond High School

Baseball: June 3-5; Hosted by ASD

Softball: June 3-5; Location Cartee Fields in Anchorage

Any team or individual who qualifies for state will be considered using the criteria listed above. To reiterate: travel to a yellow or red zone is not an absolute denial. Length of trip, opportunity to quarantine following, COVID testing protocols, mitigating factors such as declining COVID numbers in the destination or a stand alone event that is responsible for a high risk status, local mitigation requirements that exist at the destination location, vaccine status of state and individuals on team, etc. Travel to Very High Risk levels will be likely declined.

Families always reserve the right to not participate in travel at any point in the season and such decisions will not have an adverse impact on their status on the team.

Ultimately, our priority remains focused on balancing the needs in stabilizing school operations, contributing to a low community health risk, and providing sustained activities programming with the least amount of disruptions to seasons.