



November 20, 2020  
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Important COVID Communication

Dear JB Families,

In the past two days, both the Summit County and the Cuyahoga County Boards of Health released Stay at Home Advisories. **Included among the reasons for which residents CAN leave their home is to go to work or school.**

After careful consideration of the safety of our students, faculty, and staff, as well as a review of our total cases (two total confirmed isolated cases school-wide), we remain committed to staying open for as long as we can.

**As stated in the past, unless we are required by the State of Ohio to close, see an outbreak in one or multiple JB campuses, or have inadequate staff coverage due to illness, quarantining, or community spread we will remain open.** This is because we know that our kids learn best in an in-person setting. The vast majority of our families are asking us to stay open. We know that we can continue to offer in-person learning safely due to our small class sizes and rigorous health and safety protocols. Please know that we will continue to evaluate the scenario on a daily basis and are prepared to pivot into virtual learning if required.

**A few things to note:**

- We look at three specific metrics when deciding to stay open. Student to student transmission (2 isolated cases thus far), staff to staff transmission (0 cases), and student to staff transmission (0 cases). At this point, there is simply not enough spread in our schools to justify a closure.
- While on break, as always, you must notify your school immediately if you are considered a close contact or you or someone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19. We're required to report these numbers to the state - even when in-person learning is paused.
- **We respectfully request that you follow the Stay at Home Advisory and do not travel. If you choose to travel and/or have contact with people outside your immediate household for Thanksgiving, be aware that coming back to our schools could put others at risk and potentially cause us to move to virtual learning.** The ability to safely staff our schools is one of the top variables for if/when we would need to close. If our teachers are called to quarantine, their grade is almost guaranteed to go virtual. We do not have enough substitutes to keep grade levels open. This is what happened at both JBA and JBL last week. If you want JB to stay open, please keep your children home if they're sick, minimize your exposure, and take great care in your homes and communities so that our teachers can continue to teach.



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- Anyone who has traveled to any **state reporting positive testing rates of 15% or higher**, traveled internationally, or been in close contact with anyone who has traveled to those areas within the last 14 days will not be permitted entry at this time. This includes both virtual and in-person students.
- Our COVID-19 Response Team is closely monitoring the state's advisory system and guidance from local and national health organizations. We are also in communication with other schools in our districts, as well as the Catholic Diocese. We will remain in close contact with you as this situation progresses.
- Please continue to abide by our [health and safety protocols](#). It is crucial that we continue to follow protocols so that our schools can stay open.

We wish you and your family a blessed holiday season. We believe that if we continue to exercise caution not only in our schools, but also in our homes, we can safely keep our kids in school. We are so grateful for your health and continued support. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Gratefully yours in mission,  
Lannie Davis-Frecker, Jodi Johnston and Jason Wojnicz

Helpful Reading

[Our COVID-19 Information Hub \(Announcements, Resources, and Plans\)](#)

[CDC's Thanksgiving Gathering Suggestions](#)

[How to Deal with Coronavirus Burnout and Pandemic Fatigue](#)

[Expert says health risks can be managed; educational, social, nutritional risks can't](#)

[Schools do not, in fact, appear to be major spreaders of COVID-19](#)