



Julie Billiard Schools
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Dear JB Families,

In an effort to remain transparent, connected, and *always* supportive of our families, we'd like to address the recent [recommendation](#) from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Please know that we take this recommendation seriously and have carefully considered how it affects our kids, families, faculty, and staff. Ultimately, this is a general recommendation that's directed at many of the schools that are not able to meet the CDC guidelines for social distancing and sanitization. Many larger schools simply have no way to safely bring kids back part-time or full-time. As we have stated before, that is not the case for Julie Billiard Schools.

Today was the last day of Julie Billiard Schools' Beyond Camp, a four-week, in-person summer camp with more than 50 campers and 20 counselors. After a month, our kids had fun, learned new skills, and started to recoup many of the skills that they had regressed during the school closure in the spring. **Because of our amazing staff, small group sizes, and intense dedication to sanitizing and social distancing, we didn't have a single documented case of COVID-19 in the spring or during camp. We feel it must be noted that during camp, cases were on the rise in Cuyahoga county and now today, cases are actually decreasing.**

Leveraging the success of camp and even stronger resources and protocols for the fall, we feel confident in our original plan to return to school safely, in-person, in August. That being said, only you know what is best for your child and your family. **If a decline in cases or the new recommendation changes your comfort level, we welcome that feedback. Please contact your school administration if you wish to further discuss.**

Like we've said from the beginning, this is a constantly changing situation and we THANK YOU for your continued patience, trust, and support. We remain in close contact with the County Board of Health for both campuses and remain vigilant to the ever-changing data, recommendations and mandates that are released. Because each county has different data that could impact Julie Billiard School Akron and Julie Billiard School Lyndhurst differently, please continue to watch for updates and communications from your school principal. As always, we keep the safety of our students, faculty, and staff at the forefront of our decisions.

Gratefully yours in mission,

Lannie Davis-Frecker, Jodi Johnston, and Jason Wojnicz