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Important COVID Updates Regarding Return to School

Dear JB Families,

We hope you and your family are enjoying a healthy, happy summer break. Over the summer, our COVID-19 Team has been carefully reviewing guidelines and recommendations for the fall. We recently wrapped up our Beyond Camp and once again saw no cases of COVID-19 or transmission. At camp, we encouraged unvaccinated faculty, staff, and students to wear masks and we observed rigorous cleaning practices and social distancing as much as possible. We will take a similar approach to our upcoming school year and we anticipate another healthy and productive year for our students.

Since the end of the school year, a number of our policies and procedures have changed as new information has been released by the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health. Please review the following information carefully.

1. We've made updates to our Mask Policy as new information and guidance has been released. At this time, we are strongly encouraging, but not requiring, students to wear a mask if they have not been vaccinated. At this time, we are requiring faculty, staff, and visitors to wear a mask unless they can provide proof of vaccination. We're confident that by making sure our faculty, staff, and visitors are either vaccinated or wearing masks, we can give you and your family the option to make the decision that's best for your child. Please see our updated [Mask Policy](#) for more details.
2. As a reminder, Julie Billiard Schools **will not** offer virtual learning for the 2021-2022 school year. Our students learn better in person, and **all JB students will be expected to return to school in-person, five days a week, beginning August 25th of 2021.** If a student is required to quarantine during the school year, he or she will be sent home with two weeks worth of work to complete. He or she will have access to our Technology Specialist for regular check-ins. When the student returns to school, we will provide additional speech and occupational therapy sessions, as needed, to make up for the missed time in the school building.

Please note that this learning option is different from what we offered last year. Students who are quarantining will now be completing self-paced work and will not be engaging in synchronous virtual learning. Consider this change when determining whether or not to send your child to school with a mask. Students who wear masks will not be asked to quarantine if they are named a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Please see our [Mask Policy](#) and [this guide](#) for more information.



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3. Ahead of the school year and throughout, **Julie Billiard Schools will continue to **sanitize**** classrooms, desks, and shared materials and observe at least three feet of distance when possible in a continued effort to keep our students safe. We will also enforce frequent hand-washing procedures for students, faculty, and staff. A clean environment helps keep not only COVID-19, but all illnesses, colds, and flus at bay. Please see our updated [Health and Safety Protocols](#) for more information.
4. As we know, the situation surrounding COVID-19 can change at any time. The health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff remains our top priority. If anything changes regarding our fall learning options or our COVID-19 protocols, we will let our families know prior to the start of school.

If you have any questions or concerns about this communication, please feel free to reach out. We look forward to a wonderful school year and can't wait to see all of our kids back in the classroom.

Gratefully yours in mission,
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