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Parent Communication

Important COVID Communication: What Purple Means for JB

Dear JB Families,

Governor DeWine and the Ohio Public Health Advisory System continue to issue warnings about rising COVID cases in our state and how they pertain to the [state's color-coded advisory system](#). At this time, multiple counties in Ohio, including Cuyahoga and Summit counties, are declared red/level 3. If the counties move to a purple alert level, the county boards of health may recommend schools move to a virtual only environment.

What would this mean for Julie Billiard Schools?

Unless we are required by the State of Ohio to close, OR unless we see an outbreak in one or multiple JB campuses, we will remain open. This is because we know that our kids learn best in an in-person setting. As Governor Dewine noted in his press conference today, children on IEPs need additional services to succeed. 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 mandated.

A few things to note:

- 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.
- At this time, Julie Billiard Schools has seen no cases or outbreaks. Parents, faculty, and staff will be notified if a case is identified.
- 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.
- Due to our small class sizes, social distancing, sanitization, and following of all health and safety protocols, we believe that we can continue to offer our in-person education in the purple/level 4 phase.
- Early research indicates that schools are NOT a primary spreader of COVID-19. The most spread seems to be coming from small gatherings and other activities that happen outside of the school and workplace. We ask that you continue to be vigilant about the



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potential exposure in your communities. Be thoughtful about how you're gathering. If we continue to exercise caution not only in our schools, but also in our homes and communities, we hope to safely keep our kids in school.

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 \(Announcements, Resources, and Plans\)](#)

[What happens if Ohio counties reach 'Purple Alert Level 4' for COVID-19 threat?](#)

[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](#)

[Feared coronavirus outbreaks in schools yet to arrive, early data shows](#)