



November 16, 2020

Dear students and parents,

As you may know by now, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has issued several new restrictions in response to the surge of COVID-19 cases statewide. The [three-week epidemic order](#) does many things, including ending in-person classes for all high schools beginning Wednesday, November 18.

Last week, the Jackson Area Career Center moved to remote instruction out of an abundance of caution, and to help stabilize the educational delivery to students that had been disrupted due to several local high schools moving to a temporary virtual model. At that time, Career Center in-person classes were set to resume on Thursday, November 19. **Due to this most recent MDHHS order, in-person classes will now resume on Thursday, December 10.**

We know this move is disappointing, especially for students who have already lost weeks of in-person instruction due to circumstances beyond their control. We appreciate all the sacrifices our students, parents and staff members have made to keep our everyone safe during these tough and challenging times. Instructors will continue to deliver instruction as they have been virtually since last week, and expectations for students will remain the same.

Over the next few weeks, our hope is that everyone does their part so we'll be in a better place on December 10 and can welcome our students back to their classrooms. As Governor Whitmer said on Sunday night, *'This is the worst public health emergency our nation has faced in over a century, and our response has got to reflect the same level of urgency'*. We all want to get through this COVID-19 crisis, so please limit your interactions with others outside your household, wear a mask, practice good hygiene and avoid others if you are sick.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we navigate our way through this pandemic. If you have any questions, I can always be reached at 517-768-5163 or by email at mark.pogliano@jcisd.org.

Stay safe and be well,

Dr. Mark Pogliano
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