



August 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

The start of the 2020-21 school year will be here before we know it, and given the COVID-19 pandemic, it's sure to be a unique one. All leaders within the Jackson County Intermediate School District seek a return of safe in-person learning this fall. However, that will depend on what phase of the [MI Safe Start Plan](#) Jackson County is in.

Our top priority is to provide a valuable educational experience in a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff. Our Return to School plan is based on that premise and aligned with the [MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return To School Roadmap](#). Also factoring into our plan is the type of curriculum we provide in career and technical education. A critical component of that curriculum is hands-on training. It is important that students be physically present in the building to acquire those technical skills in their respective program.

During Phase 3, the Jackson Area Career Center (JACC) will be closed. Staff and students will use Schoology for student and parent communication, virtual instruction, and student support. During Phase 4, the Career Center will be open for in-person instruction 5 days a week, with adherence to safety protocols. JACC students will attend on the same days their sending school provides in-person instruction, regardless of the instructional delivery method chosen by the student. On days that students are not receiving in-person instruction at their sending school, students are encouraged to attend the Career Center. Schoology will be used for student and parent communication, and to provide supplemental instructional resources and support.

With guidance from the Jackson County Health Department, we are glad to share our *COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan* with you at www.jacc-mi.net. Included in this plan, you will find details on face coverings, hygiene, cleaning protocols, mental and social health, and what guidelines are in place if a student or staff member shows symptoms of COVID-19.

No matter what phase we are in, it is our goal to ensure equitable access to education for all of our students while continuing to maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone in our school community. We look forward to seeing our students return to school on August 26. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mark.pogliano@jcisd.org.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mark Pogliano, Jackson Area Career Center Principal