



Joliet  
Montessori  
School

*Passion for Learning. Success for Life.*

# JMS Reopening Plan



July 17, 2020

# Our Plan is Based on These Important Sources

1

## **PARENT INPUT**

We listened to your feedback in our survey.

2

## **MONTESSORI GUIDELINES**

We're a certified AMS and AMI school, and we will implement Montessori principles and academics as purely as we can while protecting student and staff health.

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## **STATE GUIDELINES**

We're recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education, and we follow their guidelines on classroom academics and safety.

4

## **CDC GUIDELINES**

We will meet or exceed the minimum standards of care prescribed by national health officials.



# Parents' Top 3 Concerns

1

## **EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

We're meeting or exceeding CDC-prescribed health and safety measures.

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## **ERRATIC SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

In Phase 4, we will prioritize daily in-person learning with normal class sizes and attendance. Families have the option to attend in-home learning.

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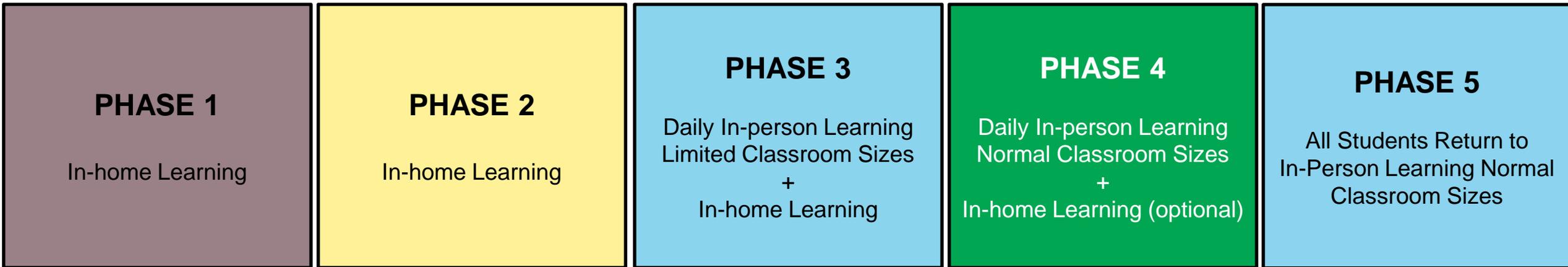
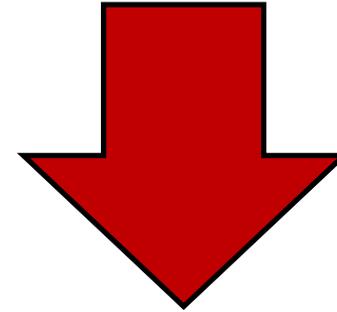
## **ONLINE LEARNING QUALITY**

We're applying lessons learned in our Spring session to continue what worked well, improve what didn't, and help parents manage in-home learning more comfortably.

*Based on emailed survey of 7/9-7/14  
with 32 parent respondents –  
approximately 67% of our  
community.*



# We're Reopening in Phase 4



No one can predict what the 2020-2021 school year might bring, but we know how we will manage our school at any phase.

**In true Montessori spirit, we are confident and prepared for all phases, and we're ready to serve our students and families as changes come.**

# You choose how your child attends JMS in Phase 4

1

## **DAILY IN-PERSON LEARNING**

In Phase 4, we will have daily in-person learning with normal classroom sizes. We will carefully observe Phase 4 requirements and CDC health and safety practices.

2

## **DAILY IN-HOME LEARNING**

Daily in-home learning will be available at your family's preference, or in case of classroom closures due to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases. Lessons will be offered along with independent study assignments.

*This learning arrangement is for Phase 4.*

*See the chart on slide 4 for our learning plan in other Phases.*



# Phase 4 Requirements



## Per ISBE and CDC Guidelines:

1. Face coverings are required at all times.
2. Students and staff will stay 6 feet apart as much as possible.
3. No more than 50 people are allowed in one space at a time.
4. Temperature checks and symptom screenings are required at the door. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
5. We're increasing cleaning and disinfection practices.
6. We're offering families a choice of daily in-person learning, or daily in-home learning.

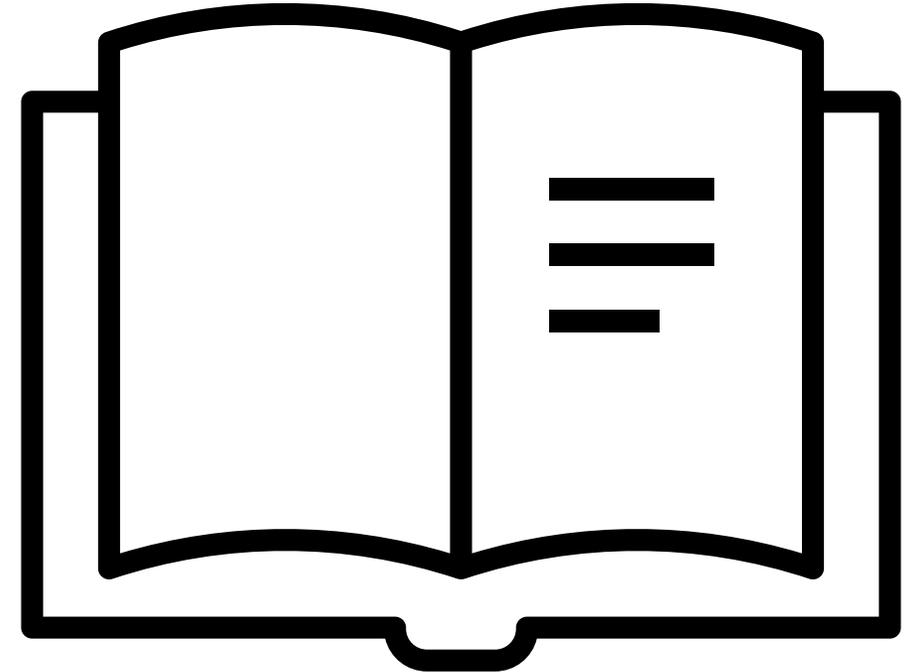
# Our Community's Guiding Principles



1. Keep JMS staff and students safe
2. Enforce local and national health guidelines
3. Be a place where our students feel safe, love learning, and achieve their unique potential
4. Communicate frequently and transparently to protect our school community
5. Be gracious and courteous, always

# Overview of Health and Safety Procedures

- Face coverings required at all times
- Physical distancing
  - 6 feet apart
  - Clear dividers where it's not possible to distance
  - Classroom groups will not co-mingle
- Disposable lunch packaging and cleaning materials
  - No cloth towels or napkins
  - No reusable lunch containers
  - Reusable water bottles are allowed
- Daily sanitization with special equipment plus regular daily wipe-downs of high-traffic areas
- Frequent hand-washing
- Temperature checks and screening required for entry
- All families and staff protect our school community by monitoring and reporting symptoms immediately
- Immediately quarantine students or staff with suspected COVID-19 symptoms; inform families immediately
- Follow CDC guidelines for closing in the event of suspected or confirmed cases; transition to in-home learning



**Watch your email on July 21  
for the JMS Operating Guide  
with details on these procedures.**

# Mark your calendars: Important dates



## **July 21**

JMS Operating Guide emailed to families with details about our procedures this year

## **July 23, 6:30 pm**

JMS Joins Together call – bring your questions! Check SchoolCues for login details.

## **August 6**

JMS Parent Handbook emailed to all families with COVID-19 addendum

## **August 12, 6:00 pm**

Adolescent Parent Orientation

## **August 12, 6:00 pm**

Primary Parent Orientation

## **August 13, 6:00 pm**

Lower and Upper Elementary Parent Orientation

## **August 20**

First day of school



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# Questions?

Call Heidi Geiger or Eileen Kozlowski  
815-741-4180

-OR-

Attend JMS Joins Together Zoom call  
July 23, 6:30 pm

