



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.

3

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.

2

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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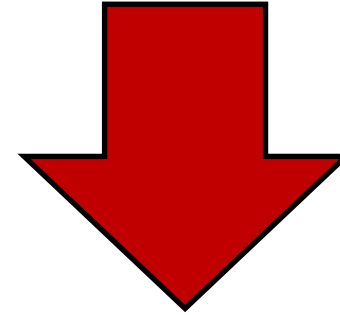
ONLINE LEARNING QUALITY

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



PHASE 1

In-home Learning

PHASE 2

In-home Learning

PHASE 3

Daily In-person Learning
Limited Classroom Sizes
+
In-home Learning

PHASE 4

Daily In-person Learning
Normal Classroom Sizes
+
In-home Learning (optional)

PHASE 5

All Students Return to
In-Person Learning Normal
Classroom Sizes

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.

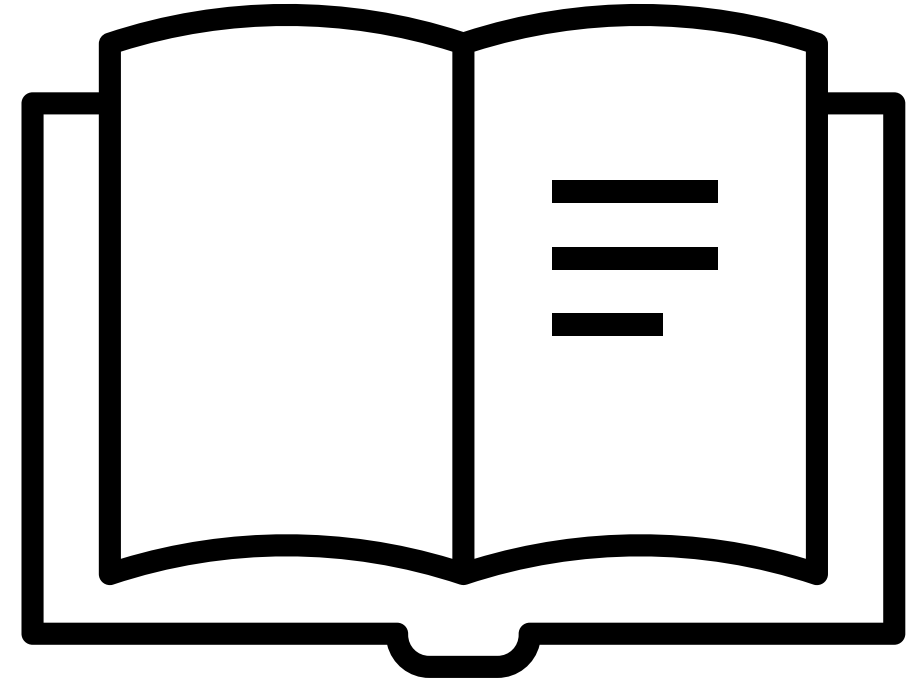
Our Community's Guiding Principles



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 16, 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

