

Dear John Glenn Family,

Recently, Dr. Fox with the St. Joseph County Health Department, provided updated COVID guidance for schools. This new guidance is the result of large increases in local county COVID numbers ([www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm)) and the serious capacity concerns local hospitals are experiencing.

Dr. Fox is recommending the following updates:

- No change for grades K-8. They will remain on-campus five days a week.
- Grades 9-12 to transition back to 100% virtual learning.
- Serious attention to face coverings and other mitigation strategies.

Please know I have been in personal communication with Dr. Fox, other local health officials, and stakeholders such as the School Board, Administrators, Teacher's Union and parents. At this time, it is our collective decision to follow his recommendations, and **transition JGHS to virtual learning beginning Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Our Goal will be to return to classes following Winter Break on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mr. Manering will be sharing more detailed schedule information very soon. We will continue to work with local health officials and monitor the situation very closely.

I am sorry to share this news, as I know it is everyone's wish to be on-campus. Everyone has made an exceptional effort with the uniqueness of this school year, and we should be proud of what we have accomplished as a JG Family.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Christopher Winchell Ed.S.

Superintendent