



## Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools

April 9, 2021

Good afternoon JLAS family,

As you may be aware, the Governor's Office and MDHHS recommended schools pause in person instruction at the High School level and spring sports for two weeks. While this is a Statewide recommendation, it was left up to local districts to decide what is best for their community.

Currently, JLAS has a few positive cases throughout the district and several quarantined due to other family members who are positive. While we know there are also many positive cases in our community, we are also confident that we have not seen COVID spreading in our schools or on our athletic teams at this time.

The district monitors cases and quarantines daily and is testing athletes weekly. We will continue to closely monitor the numbers of cases and spread in our school.

We know in-person instruction is best for students. We feel it is safe to provide in-person instruction and allow spring sports to continue based on the following data as of today:

- Few cases within the buildings
- Zero positive test results of athletes
- Current numbers of quarantines

If we see cases go up, are directed by the health department to close, have an overwhelming amount of contact tracing to accomplish, have high numbers of quarantines in a classroom, or have staffing situations due to quarantines or illness, we may need to move to remote instruction. However, we take that decision very seriously and will do so when we feel there is no other choice based upon the above criteria.

We ask you to continue to be vigilant. We know this is getting tiring, but in order to protect our community and keep in person learning happening, please continue to follow the mitigation strategies of wearing masks, keeping socially distant, washing your hands, and limiting social gatherings. It is our goal to continue to provide in person learning as much as we can.

After consulting with our local health department, administration, and our school nurse, we will continue to provide in-person instruction at this time, with individual classes moving to remote if necessary. Questions may be directed to your building Principal or School Nurse, Becky Fox, 989-732-1773 ext. 2148.

Sincerely,

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