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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This past spring was anything but typical for our school community. The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) forced us to create remote learning plans overnight, deliver instruction in new and unique ways (sometimes without access to technology) and try to maintain a sense of family while being socially distant. On behalf of everyone at Mason Consolidated Schools, I commend you for coming together during this challenging time. It is clear that when we work together, our students, our staff members, and our community thrive.

This summer, Governor Gretchen Whitmer unveiled the MI Safe Start Plan, a guide outlining a phasing structure to support Michiganders as we progress through the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, on June 30, a MI Safe Schools: 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap was provided to guide educators as they develop their own return to school plans based on each of the phases from the MI Safe Start Plan. With guidance from the Monroe County Health Department, [we are glad to share our plan with you.](#) Included in this plan, please find:

- Learning options (Option #1 In-person with early release daily and Option #2 Remote from home)
- Cleaning protocols
- Health screening
- Testing and notification of positive COVID-19 cases
- Transportation expectations
- Information about athletics and extracurricular activities
- And more!

If you are planning on enrolling your child in Option #2, our district's remote program for the first semester, you must contact your child's principal by August 17th. This will allow for planning of classroom space and needs of all students.

It is also important to remember that, although we are currently planning to host in-person instruction this fall, there is still the possibility of needing to close a classroom, school building or the district due to an outbreak of illness. Additionally, there is the possibility that an increasing number of positive COVID-19 cases may require Governor Whitmer to return our region or the state back to Phase 3 of the MI Safe Start Plan - meaning that school buildings will not be open to students and instruction must occur remotely. As always, we will provide updates to you via the Honeywell Instant Alert System.

Please continue to follow all COVID-19 health and safety recommendations from the Monroe County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Cleaning your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Putting distance between yourself and other people (at least 6 feet).



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- Covering your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean your hands after throwing away the tissue
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.

It is our goal to ensure equitable access to education for all our students while continuing to maintain a safe and healthy environment daily for everyone in our school community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your student's building principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli A. Tuller". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light green rectangular background.

Kelli A. Tuller
Superintendent