

Monmouth County Vocational School District

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you know, the Monmouth County Vocational School District plans to open schools to in-person instruction on Monday, October 5th. We will be following the hybrid learning model, which was described in our reopening plan. We are sorry if this delay has caused any undue hardships on you, your student, or your family. We have recently shared correspondence that explains the protocols in place to protect our school community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's building principal if you have any questions.

Moving forward, we will continue to follow the guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health and the New Jersey Department of Education. Please know that despite all of the protections in place and our best efforts, we may encounter students or staff who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or test positive for the virus. Decisions on how we will proceed from that point will be made in consultation with the Monmouth County Health Department. We must always balance the need for transparency with our responsibility to protect our students' and staff members' confidentiality. If your local Department of Health contacts you, we urge you to be forthcoming and provide the necessary information to support the contact tracing process. Their goal, like ours, is to keep everyone safe.

Lastly, if your student displays any symptoms of COVID-19 or of being ill, it's essential that you keep your student home from school. This will help protect everyone in our educational community. Likewise, we encourage everyone to continue to follow the guidelines provided by the CDC and the NJ Department of Health. We must continue to support each other for our school reopening process to be successful.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and we look forward to working together as an educational community.

Sincerely,
Dr. Charles R. Ford, Jr.