



Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

On behalf of Josephinum Academy, I hope this letter finds your family and friends healthy and safe. While we all adapt to uncertain times, what has not changed is our commitment to our students. They are at the forefront of everything we do.

Recent events have necessitated an innovative look at how we balance serving and leading our community in a world of social distancing. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has moved with us—our students, families, faculty, staff, partners and volunteers. Special thanks to our faculty who have thoughtfully embraced “Digital Learning” and its ability to keep our students engaged with their studies. Thank you to our Jo families for your patience and care as we continue to educate and support our students. Our extended community is strong, committed, and creative- thank you for remaining so as we continue to best serve our “Girls Without Limits.”

As you all know, the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation is constantly evolving. With that in mind, I'd like to update you on the most recent information for our Jo students and families. Please remember that because our actions are based on external circumstances, this information may change at any time. We will continue to be in constant communication with you and encourage you to continue to reach out to us:

- With Mayor Lightfoot's recent announcement that Chicago expects to see a spike in COVID-19 cases in the upcoming week, **we have made the decision to extend our school building closure until April 20th with students returning on Tuesday, April 21st.**
- All school events and activities scheduled before April 21st have been postponed, canceled or will occur digitally. Our team is in conversation regarding senior activities and events, such as Prom, and will provide you with further information in the upcoming week. You can view all of the event changes by visiting josephinum.org/calendar.
- This is the time of year for assessments (including IB, ACT, PACT, and others) that are critical for our students' progress. We are in constant communication with these partners to ensure that all requirements are communicated to you in a timely manner. We will keep you informed as it relates to your students' assessments.

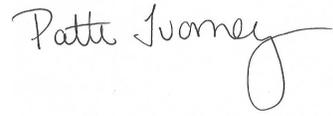
During these unusual times it is critical for all of us to stay connected with the Jo. Follow our social distancing challenge on Schoology and our community posts on Facebook and Instagram. For a specific question, please reach out to us at info@josephinum.org.

In spite of changes in physical or social distance, one thing remains constant. We live our Sacred Heart values as we continue to commit to the education and growth

of our Jo girls. Now, more than ever, their voices and faith-filled leadership will make a difference in our world.

Thank you for being a part of our Josephinum community.

Sincerely,



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