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To Marion County Public Charter School Families and Our Communities:

We are pleased to report that based on feedback from City and Health Department officials, all Indianapolis charter schools are expected to be able to start school on their scheduled start date. We appreciate your patience as we have worked with the Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD) to plan for a safe return to school.

Several factors have led to this decision. The Indiana Department of Education, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Health and the Indiana Family and Social Services Agency, recently released guidance for the re-opening of Indiana schools in their IN-CLASS report. Additionally, Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett and MCPHD Director Dr. Virginia Caine anticipate that Marion County will be in Stage 5 in mid-July based on the current data.

Each charter school is carefully considering the health and safety of their students and the needs of their specific communities in planning for the fall, whether they be safe instructional options in a physical school setting, online options for students who are not able or are uncomfortable returning to school on the scheduled start date, or some combination of the two. We encourage you to contact your school with specific questions about their re-opening process.

We anticipate sharing more details with schools and families regarding the steps schools must take if offering instruction in a physical school setting in early July after the Marion County Public Health Department finalizes their guidance to us, which will include procedures for:

- Symptom screening
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Cloth facial coverings and masks or face shields
- Social distancing
- Student health and safety
- Bus transportation
- Identifying, reporting, and tracing cases



Thank you again for supporting your schools and students through this challenging time. We look forward to a safe re-opening for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

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