

# In-person Instruction Update

October 19, 2020

From the Desk of  
Dr. Mary Henderson



[2020-21 School Year Calendar](#)

Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL, Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day)

Next SMART Day: Wednesday, November 11

Illinois Department of Public Health [Trend Data](#)

DuPage County Health Department [Data Dashboard](#)

## Weekly DuPage County COVID-19 Metrics for Schools

This week we DuPage County has moved to the substantial level of transmission. This is due to the metric for the number of cases per 100,00 people. In Roselle, our newest cases were in the adult age range. **Important Note: The metrics are always for the week prior to posting.** For now, we are continuing with in-person instruction. We will continue to monitor closely, and we will continue to speak with the DuPage County Health Department twice weekly.

At the end of eight weeks of school, we have had 4 cases of COVID-19.

## Outside Activities

As we see numbers increase in the Chicago area and neighboring states, we need all families to be very vigilant about their activities away from school. If your family is choosing to travel (even by car) and/or engage in activities with people outside of your household, particularly when it involves close contact, we ask that you discuss exposure of others to COVID-19 and quarantine your students for 14 days when you are traveling and/or participating in things such as tournaments where you are exposed to many people outside of your household members, are in close contact in locker rooms, etc. Whether or not people are in masks, being a close contact to others puts you at risk and therefore increases the risk for our staff and other families. All of the families who chose in-person instruction are relying on each other to be cautious and err on the side of caution. Our staff are coming to work each day trusting our D12 families to also prioritize the health and safety of them and their families.

We will begin discussions with the Board of Education at Tuesday's meeting about how we will plan for Thanksgiving and Winter Break when families may be more likely to see extended family.

I know that as the months drag on, the realities of life in a pandemic wear on everyone. As a hockey mom for fifteen years with my children, I know the positive impact of sports as well as the many activities and traditions families participate annually with Halloween and the approaching holidays. If you determine that participation in sports or other activities that put your child in close contact with others is the right choice for your family, we ask that you take the additional steps of keeping others safe by quarantining your children. In the cases we have had with students in our district, they have been primarily asymptomatic or a stuffy nose being the only symptom present. This is not always the case with adults who come into contact with asymptomatic cases, and we need to protect everyone who is in our schools.

## Tuesday, October 20 Board of Education Meeting

We will have our regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday of this week. We will be meeting virtually with the exception of our board president, Mrs. Dumelle, and me attending in person at our Administration Office. A link to view the board meeting will be sent via email at approximately 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday. If you would like to submit a public comment to be read into the record, you may submit it [here](#).

We will be discussing the results of the parent survey on the opening of the school year in addition to other board business.

## November Board of Education Meeting

Our November Board of Education regular monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting we will provide detailed information on the first two and a half months of learning and finalize our learning plan for the second half of the school year. This meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube and will be made available to all families.

## Lunch Supervisors

We are looking to hire additional lunch supervisors. Please call the district office at 630-529-2091 or either school office if you are interested.

Thank you for your continued support that has allowed us to successfully run an in-person and a remote learning program for the last eight weeks. It truly takes a village, and with continued vigilance, we look forward to continue operating safely!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent