

In-person Instruction Update

January 11, 2021

*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



[2020-21 School Year Calendar](#)

Next SMART day: Wednesday, January 13

NO SCHOOL: Monday, January 18

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

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

DuPage County Health Department [Data Dashboard](#)

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Weekly DuPage County COVID-19 Metrics for Schools

This week DuPage County remains at the substantial level of transmission. The metrics have shown improvement since November. Two of the four metrics, number of new cases and youth cases, are at the minimal level of transmission. The other two metrics, percent positivity and case count per 100,000 people, are at the substantial level of transmission, though they are both showing improvement. **Important Note: The metrics are always for the week prior to posting.** We will continue to monitor closely, and we will continue to speak with the DuPage County Health Department weekly. Daily case counts in DuPage County are consistently have gone from 600-800 cases per day in late November/early December to 200-400 cases per day currently. This is great news, though there is still improvement needed, and it is critical that we remain vigilant with wearing masks, maintaining social

distancing, and quarantining/isolating when there has been exposure, symptoms, and/or positive cases.

For clarity purposes, we will be starting fresh with reporting new cases. We did not have any new cases of staff or students last week for anyone who reported to school/work.

School Attendance

Thank you to all of our families who self-reported the need for their child(ten) to quarantine after Winter Break. We look forward to seeing your students when their quarantine period is over! The need for accurate daily certification/verification is critical as is implementing a period of quarantine when traveling and/or exposing your children to others outside of your typical quarantine "bubble." Doing this maximizes our opportunity to keep our students and staff safe and avoid moving to remote learning.

Regular Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education will meet for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. One item scheduled for the meeting has been removed: Changes to the 2020-21 calendar. We will be leaving our calendar as is for this school year.

This Board of Education meeting will be held virtually and live-streamed via YouTube. A link will be sent to all families at approximately 6:45 p.m. that evening. Public comments may be submitted [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine

Our school district staff will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine with Group 1b, essential workers. Once the majority of healthcare workers and long-term care staff and residents have had the opportunity, it will be our turn. We are coordinating with the DuPage County Health Department in this effort. We are organized and ready to go the minute we are notified we are eligible.

Extra Masks

Please remember to send extra masks in your student's backpack each day. It's not unusual for students to need to change their mask partway through the day.

It was great to see our students attending in person return last week! There were lots of smiles from both students and staff.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

