

# In-person Instruction Update

April 16, 2021

*From the Desk of  
Dr. Mary Henderson*



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Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Next SMART Day: Wednesday, April 21

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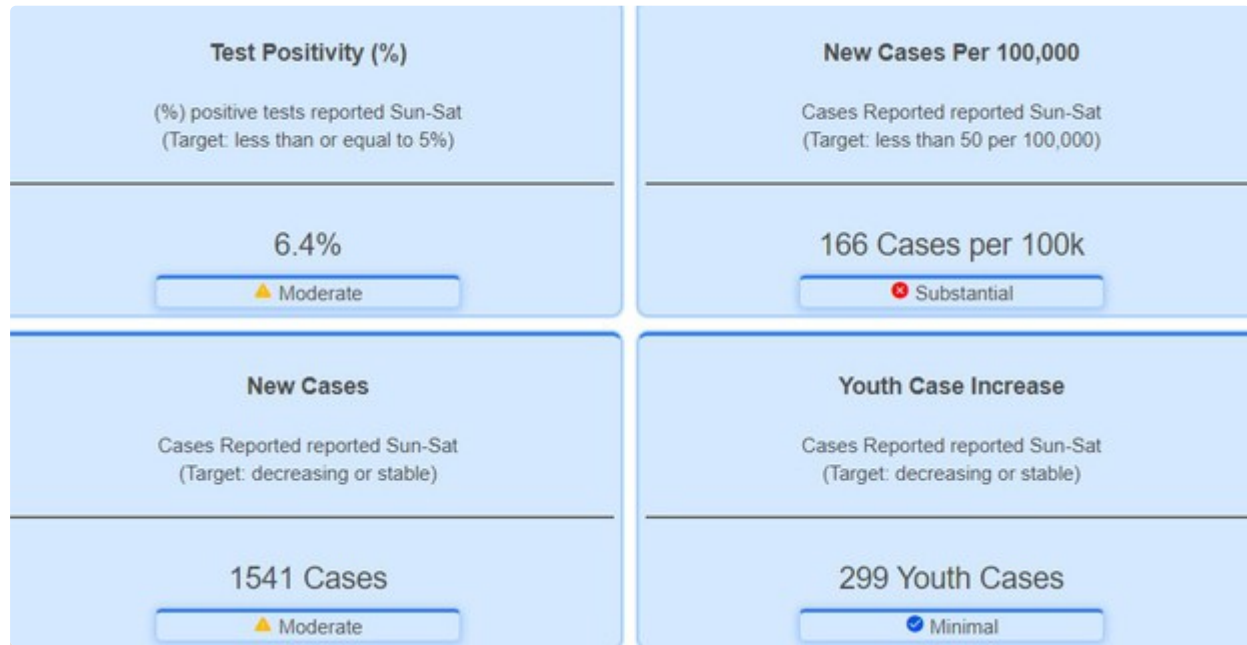
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## *Weekly DuPage County COVID-19 Metrics for Schools and the Impact of Vaccines*

This week DuPage County remains at the substantial level of transmission. The IDPH's most recent data report reflects 166 cases per 100,000 people. ***This is a significant (16%) jump from the week prior.*** Throughout this week, our positivity rate has continued to climb as reported in the daily news. With youth sports in full swing with many of our kids on multiple teams, the need for monitoring your children for symptoms is critical. Attentive and committed parents partnering with us has gotten us through this very challenging year, and we need you more than ever! **Important Note: The metrics are always for the week prior to posting.**

In addition to the jump in cases per 100,000, two other metrics have moved from minimal transmission to moderate. Below is a graphic that shows the latest results. You may also be hearing the large numbers of students who are having to quarantine in schools that have reduced their social distancing and/or have sports taking place. We are closely monitoring these situations as we plan for the 2021-22 school year.

Since returning to school in January, we have had **eight** positive cases of COVID-19 with **zero** cases transmitted at school.



### *State Testing*

This week you received a letter from Mrs. Lynn, Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching, regarding the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. That letter is also attached to this newsletter.

### *April Board of Education Meeting*

Our April Board of Education meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 20. This meeting may or may not take place over Zoom depending on election results certification and the need for board reorganization. Regardless of whether the meeting takes place in person or via Zoom, it will be livestreamed, and the link will be sent out at approximately 6:45 p.m. We will be presenting our plan for student summer learning at this meeting, and on the action agenda will be board approval for the last day of the 2020-21 school year. As always, the board meeting agenda may be accessed via our district website the Friday prior to the board meeting. Our learning plan for the fall of 2021 will be presented at the May 18 Board of Education meeting. Public comments may be submitted [here](#).

### *May Board of Education Meeting*

Our May Board of Education meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing our Fall, 2021 return to school plan. Our plan will be constructed using the most recent ISBE/IDPH guidance which includes the following:

1. Students spaced 3-6 feet apart for instruction

2. Students spaced 6 feet apart for lunch or other times when masks are not used
3. Masks at all times except for lunch, band, etc.
4. Remote instruction will only be offered to students with medical conditions that make in-person attendance a health concern (or a family member in the household with that type of medical condition)

Issues we are monitoring but do not have answers:

1. Vaccination requirement for students and/or staff
2. What qualifies as a medical condition for remote learning

## *A Contest for All Classrooms*

Below is important information for the 2021-22 school year.

***The first classroom section in grades K-7 to have full registration or notification of not returning will earn a special ice cream treat celebration the last week of school.***

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is open! You will continue to receive weekly reminder emails.

It is imperative that all of our returning families register before the end of this current school year. If you are not registered when the 2020-21 school year is over, you will no longer receive updates or communication sent to families throughout the summer.

Laptops will be available at the Administration Office for parents who need technical support completing their registration. ***This will be by appointment only in order to follow IDPH guidelines.***

## ***COVID-19 reminders: IMPORTANT INFORMATION***

Has someone in your household been tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms? ***If so, all students in the household must remain home.*** Please contact your school health office if you are unsure whether or not to send your student(s) to school.

**Important: If your child is on a team or group activity, and there is a positive case among the team/group, please contact the health office at your child's school immediately. We will need to consult with the county health department on quarantine requirements.**

Also, please confer with the school office when you are considering travel ***or having guests (even extended family) stay in your home.*** Depending on the location, even day trips may require quarantine, particularly when the travel is to areas with high positivity rates.

## ***Extra Masks; Recess/Breaks***

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.

Students go outside for mask breaks and recess when the actual/feels like temp is above 10 degrees. Please plan accordingly!

Please continue to make sure your children have multiple layers to adjust to the varying spring weather conditions. Our students go outside for PE, mask breaks and recess every chance possible!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent



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