

In-person Instruction Update

April 26, 2021

*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



[2020-21 School Year Calendar](#)

[2021-22 School Year Calendar](#)

Special Board of Education Meeting for the Purpose of Reorganization: Thursday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Next SMART Day: Wednesday, May 5

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

DuPage County Health Department [Data Dashboard](#)

[2020-21 Remote Learning Newsletters](#)

[2020-21 In-person Learning Newsletters](#)

Weekly DuPage County COVID-19 Metrics for Schools

After several weeks of steady climb, the data released by IDPH on Friday reflect a decrease in the cases per 100,000 people and the percent positivity. Despite these decreases, however, we remain in the substantial level of transmission. **Important Note: The metrics are always for the week prior to posting.**

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

COVID-19 Vaccine for 12 to 15 year-olds

It is anticipated that the Pfizer vaccine will be made available to 12-15 year-old children in May. The Itasca Park District has partnered with Jewel-Osco and will be hosting drive-through vaccine clinics once the approval takes place. Our Lake Park High School collaborative will be working together to make this available to all of our students. More information to follow as it becomes available.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The vaccine is *recommended* by the Illinois Department of Public Health and by the district. As of today (4/26/2021), we have no information that leads us to think that the vaccine will be mandatory in order to attend school, though that may change over the next several months. We encourage all families to seek information from their health care provider in order to make the best decision for your family.

Miss the April Board of Education Meeting?

If you were unable to watch the April Board of Education meeting live, you may access it [here](#).

Highlights include:

COVID-19 update (17 min mark)

Summer learning (26:18 min mark)

Math curriculum selection (29:45 min mark)

Addition of an assistant principal (59 min mark)

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!

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather!

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

