

School District 12 Update

November 5, 2021

*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



[2021-22 School Year Calendar](#)

Finance Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Next SMART Day: Wednesday, October 27, 2021

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

DuPage County Health Department [Data Dashboard](#)

Dear Roselle D12 Families,

November has quickly crept up on us, signaling the approach of Thanksgiving. I would like to thank our PTO for their efforts to show gratitude toward our staff with Gratitude Grams. I know that will be greatly appreciated by all of our staff.

COVID-19 Metrics and Information

We continue to plateau with our metrics relatively in the same spot for the last several weeks. We remain in the substantial level of transmission based on the number of new cases per 100,000. We look to have that metric below 100 to move to the moderate level and below 50 to move to the minimal. We continue to press the health department on metrics that will be used to make any adjustments to the mask mandate but have not received any information. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 8.

Test Positivity (%) (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 5%)	New Cases Per 100,000 Cases Reported reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000)
2.6% ✓ Minimal	127 Cases per 100k ✗ Substantial
New Cases Cases Reported reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable)	Youth Case Increase Cases Reported reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable)
1181 Cases ✓ Minimal	403 Youth Cases ✓ Minimal

Vaccines for Children

As you are likely aware, the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for use with 5-11 year old children. As we did last spring, our feeder districts and park districts have partnered to offer a vaccine clinic for our Roselle D12 families.

If you are interested in participating in this clinic, please use this [link](#) to register and get additional details and information. Specific questions about the vaccine itself should be directed to your pediatrician/health care provider.

At this time, fully vaccinated individuals (adults and children) continue to be required to wear a mask indoors. However, fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact.

Student Mental Health Days

In August, Governor Pritzker signed a bill into law that allows students up to five mental health day absences without need for a doctor's note beginning in January of 2022. The first thing I would like to share is that as a district, we fully support the needs of our students, and parents do not need to wait until January of 2022 if they feel this is a need.

Whether you identify to school staff that an absence is due to a mental health day or simply a parent excused absence is up to you. Your child's teacher(s) will work with your child to catch up on learning when they return. If your child has this need, please allow them to fully step away from school and not worry about collecting work from teachers and rushing to complete it before they return.

If you find that a mental health day is turning into multiple days in a row, I ask that you reach out to your child's teacher, school administration, or social worker to discuss what may be going on and how the school can support your child as he/she returns to school.

Our PE classes and mask breaks will continue to be outside every day that the weather allows. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Also, this weekend we "fall back" into Daylight Savings Time.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

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