

# School District 12 Update

December 23, 2021

*From the Desk of  
Dr. Mary Henderson*



## [2021-22 School Year Calendar](#)

**Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Next SMART Day: Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

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

**DuPage County Health Department [Data Dashboard](#)**

Dear Roselle D12 Families,

As we head into our Winter Break, the entire D12 staff sends you warm holiday wishes. We remain hopeful that 2022 brings us even closer to our pre-pandemic activities. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

Our Administrative Office will have limited hours during Winter Break to allow for our 12-month employees to utilize vacation time. The office will be open 12/28, 12/29, 1/4 and 1/5.

## *COVID-19 Metrics and Information*

Our metrics continue to show increasing counts around the county, reflected in both the percent positivity and the new cases per 100,000. Additionally, the ICU bed availability has dipped to its lowest level since the health department began tracking this metric in 2020.

On Friday, December 10, superintendents met virtually with Dr. Ngozi Ezike, the head of the Illinois Department of Public Health. Unfortunately, we did not receive any new information or responses to questions about the benchmarks used that would lead us to the removal of mitigation efforts, including masking.

<b>Test Positivity (%)</b>  (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 5%)  <b>5.8%</b>  ! Moderate	<b>New Cases Per 100,000</b>  Cases Reported reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000)  <b>374 Cases per 100k</b>  ✖ Substantial
<b>New Cases</b>  Cases Reported reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable)  <b>3470 Cases</b>  ✓ Minimal	<b>Youth Case Increase</b>  Cases Reported reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable)  <b>1010 Youth Cases</b>  ✓ Minimal

## Approval of On-site COVID-19 Testing

Last night the Board of Education approved a contract with Northshore Clinical Lab to perform on-site COVID-19 testing. This **optional** testing program is available to our staff and students and will **begin the week of January 10**. Our testing is available for the following:

1. Weekly screening
2. On-demand testing for special circumstances (returning from travel, student develops a symptom during the school day, etc)
3. Test to stay: If your child is identified as a close contact **at school**, your child may remain in school if they test on Days 1, 3, 5, and 7 using our on-site testing.

Northshore Clinical Labs staff will perform the weekly screening tests. Our D12 health office staff will perform on demand and test to stay. All of our tests will be PCR tests and will be using a cheek swab as opposed to a nasal swab.

### Important Facts to Know:

1. No student will be tested without parent consent and registration through the Northshore Clinical Labs parent portal.
2. There is **no cost** to families for testing. Parents are required to provide insurance information; however, deductibles, co-pays, etc. will not apply. Families who are uninsured may also participate in testing.
3. Registration through Northshore Clinical Labs is very quick and easy and can be accessed through this [link](#). Parents will provide basic information including an email address in order to receive test results. You will need to upload a picture of your driver's license or state issue identification card as well as your insurance card. The process takes less than five minutes. As you fill out the form, you will

select if you are giving consent for weekly screening, on demand, and/or test to stay (you may select one, two or all three). Please note that you must register each of your children individually.

4. Test results are provided in 24-48 hours to both the school and the parent. Additionally, if a test is positive for COVID-19, parents will receive a phone call from Northshore Clinical.

5. At this time the district will not require weekly screening to participate in extracurricular activities; however, the district reserves the right to change this if case numbers and quarantine numbers warrant a change.

Information on COVID-19 testing will be resent on January 3rd as we know how busy families are at this time of year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

