

## School District 12 Update

February 4, 2022

From the Desk of Dr. Mary Henderson





## 2021-22 School Year Calendar 2022-23 School Year Calendar

Board of Education Meet and Greet: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. (Village Hall) Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Next SMART Day: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8th grade graduation: Tuesday, May 24 Illinois Department of Public Health <u>Trend Data</u> DuPage County Health Department <u>Data Dashboard</u>

Dear Roselle D12 Families,

A special shout out this week to our custodial staff who worked incredibly hard to have our schools ready to open during this week's snow!

## COVID-19 Metrics and D12 Impact

Great news as we look at the most recent metrics. The positivity rate for our county has dropped by 8% in a week. Further, as I have looked at metrics that are compiled with a rolling average versus a set week, the percent positivity is even lower.

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We are seeing a similar dramatic improvement in our own district. This week we had three positive cases. Since our on site testing began, we have conducted 446 COVID-19 PCR tests and all have been negative. That means all of our students who were identified as close contacts and participated in Test to Stay have remained negative, and students experiencing a symptom at school and tested have also been negative.

Why is this important? All of us share a common desire to be through this pandemic and remove layers of mitigation. While there are many opinions about when and how, we do share that common interest. The data from our testing will help inform our decision making.



The graphic below show the count of COVID-19 positive cases for 5-14 year olds in DuPage County. We continue to see great improvement in this metric with numbers in the same range as last fall.



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## Shortened Isolation and Quarantine

Shortened isolation and quarantine protocols go into effect on Monday, February 7. Keeping up with days, dates, etc. is a complex task, even for those who are working with this information daily. Please call if a student tests positive by any type of COVID-19 test to get the most updated guidance on isolation. It will be important for you to share with the health office the date that the student first had symptoms and/or the date of the COVID-19 test.

I encourage parents to read these carefully as there are restrictions for students for Days 6-10, and we want to be very transparent with those. Parents are able to choose if they want their child to return with those restrictions in place or if they prefer to wait until after Day 10. Each of the scenarios and requirements are based on latest IDPH/ISBE guidance and how we can best manage that guidance given any staff or facility limitations in D12.

Yesterday you received an email inviting you to share feedback on COVID-19 protocols. The survey will remain open through noon next Friday, February 11. Please note that this is not a vote. We are looking to hear from all of our current families and staff.

Sincerely, Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent



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