

Remote Instruction Update

March 22, 2021

*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



[2020-21 School Year Calendar](#)

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Next SMART Day: Wednesday, April 21

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

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

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Weekly DuPage County COVID-19 Metrics for Schools

This week DuPage County remains at the substantial level of transmission. Last week we were at 120 cases per 100,000 people, and this week we are at 108 cases per 100,000 people. To move into the moderate level of transmission we must be less than 100 cases per 100,000 people for two consecutive weeks, and below 50 cases per 100,000 people to move into the minimal level of transmission. Out of the four metrics monitored weekly, three are at the minimal level while one remains at the substantial level. Additionally, we are seeing reports from around the country that there are spikes in numbers, particularly in popular Spring Break destinations. This is concerning, and it is critical that we remain vigilant with wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, and quarantining/isolating when there has been exposure, symptoms, and/or positive cases. **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.

April Board of Education Meeting

Our April Board of Education meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 20. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom, 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. 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.

You may wonder why our Board of Education is continuing to meet virtually while in-person instruction continues. Our board members have been comfortable meeting in person since we were able to return in July. We returned to virtual meetings late July/early August to ensure that our communication to the many families who are watching it livestreamed is clear and easy to understand. Additionally, our usual meeting place is used as a seventh grade classroom this year, and we are trying to minimize anyone not in that class using that space. We look forward to returning to in person meetings with a limited audience in June. We will continue streaming all of our meetings moving forward.

Administration Office Hours During Spring Break

Our administration office will be open 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday of next week. Our office will be closed on Friday, April 2.

Our school buildings will be closed all next week.

Registration for the 2021-22 School Year

Please look for information to register for the 2021-22 school year this week. School fees and supply lists will be posted at a later date, and fees are not due at the time of registration.

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.***

Spring State Assessment Survey

Have you completed the survey to provide input into state spring assessments for our students who are remote learning? The survey is open through Wednesday, March 24 and may be accessed [here](#).

You may have seen or heard that the governor has put a "bridge" phase into the reopening plan that is

of 70% of residents aged 65 and older receiving at least their first dose of the vaccine. When this announcement was made last week, we were at 58%. As of this morning, we are at 64%. This bridge phase expands capacity in many public venues and is another sign of more normalcy returning. Good news for all!

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

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