

# Remote Instruction Update

May 4, 2021

*From the Desk of  
Dr. Mary Henderson*



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

Next SMART Day: Wednesday, May 5

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## *Weekly DuPage County COVID-19 Metrics for Schools*

The metrics for DuPage County have shown improvement for the second week in a row. Our positivity rate has dipped below five percent, which is great news. Our cases per 100,000 remains at the substantial level but has decreased for the second week. **Important Note: The metrics are always for the week prior to posting.** It is possible that Illinois will move into the "bridge" phase of reopening next week which increases capacity at events and public venues. Additionally, it was reported today that Illinois is on track to be in Phase 5 in July.

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

## *Survey for All Families*

As we continue planning for the 2021-22 school year, we are asking all families to complete this short survey on your intent for next year. This is a non-binding survey that will be used to inform our planning team. Please complete this [form](#) by the end of business Tuesday, May 11. Families are asked to submit one form per child, and your responses will be emailed to you so that you have a record.

## *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.**

## *Important Update on Board of Education Meetings*

We will be moving our school board meetings to the Roselle Village Hall. After our trial run last week, we are confident that the technology the village uses will provide clear and consistent audio and video. We will once again allow visitors to our board meetings beginning with our May 18 meeting. With the return to open board meetings, those wishing to make a public comment will need to attend in person. You will need to sign up to ensure we follow capacity limits.

We will continue to livestream all of our public board meetings so that families can continue to be informed of the work of the district.

## *May Board of Education Meeting*

Our May Board of Education meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. A link to view the meeting will be sent to all families at approximately 6:45 p.m. We will be discussing our Fall, 2021 return to school plan. If you would like to attend the meeting in person, please complete this [form](#). Please note that there are capacity limitations and seats will be filled as form submissions are received.

## *URGENT: Registration for the 2021-22 school year*

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is due by May 31. We have less than one-third of our families who have started the registration process for next year. Without accurate student registration, we will not be able to move forward with staffing our kindergarten or first grade fourth sections. The longer it takes to confirm our registration numbers, the greater the risk of not getting quality candidates. Additionally, families not registered by May 31 will no longer receive district emails and updates over

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.***

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.***

We are so proud to honor and recognize our staff this week during Teacher Appreciation Week! Our staff has worked tirelessly this year to support our students and families during such a challenging year. Hearing from families about the positive impact they have had makes every teacher's day, and I encourage you to let those staff members know.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

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