

# Remote Instruction Update

April 8, 2021

*From the Desk of  
Dr. Mary Henderson*



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Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Next SMART Day: Wednesday, April 21

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## *Weekly DuPage County COVID-19 Metrics for Schools and the Impact of Vaccines*

This week DuPage County remains at the substantial level of transmission. The IDPH's most recent data report reflects 143 cases per 100,000 people. ***This is a significant jump from the week prior.*** Throughout this week, our positivity rate has continued to climb as reported in the daily news. With youth sports in full swing with many of our kids on multiple teams, the need for monitoring your children for symptoms is critical. Attentive and committed parents partnering with us has gotten us through this very challenging year, and we need you more than ever! **Important Note: The metrics are always for the week prior to posting.**

Many of our essential workers and the elderly have received their vaccines, so the increasing numbers are cases in younger age groups in our community. As vaccines become available to anyone over the age of 16, this could help stem the tide of our rising numbers. Please continue to follow all of the layers of protection that will allow us to finish the year with both remote and in-person instruction, including masking, maintaining social distancing, and practicing good hand-washing hygiene.

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 may or may not take place over Zoom depending on election results certification and the need for board reorganization. Regardless of whether the meeting takes place in person or via Zoom, it will be livestreamed, 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, and on the action agenda will be board approval for the last day of the 2020-21 school year. 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. Public comments may be submitted [here](#).

### *May Board of Education Meeting*

Our May Board of Education meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing our Fall, 2021 return to school plan. Our plan will be constructed using the most recent ISBE/IDPH guidance which includes the following:

1. Students spaced 3-6 feet apart for instruction
2. Students spaced 6 feet apart for lunch or other times when masks are not used
3. Masks at all times except for lunch, band, etc.
4. Remote instruction will only be offered to students with medical conditions that make in-person attendance a health concern (or a family member in the household with that type of medical condition)

Issues we are monitoring but do not have answers:

1. Vaccination requirement for students and/or staff
2. What qualifies as a medical condition for remote learning

### *Are You Registered?*

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is open! You will continue to receive weekly emails until you have completed registration for next year.

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.***

While the increased number of people getting vaccines brings hope, pandemic fatigue is very real as is the fatigue that comes at the end of a school year, particularly for our parents supporting our remote learners at home. I know I speak for all of our D12 staff when I say thank you to the many families who continue to encourage and support us with positive notes, calls, etc. Sometimes that's the very thing that someone needs to keep pushing on!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

