

Health and Safety Updates

November 2021



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District Goals

1. **Assure for safety of our students and staff with In-Person Instruction**
 - a. Tracking Covid incidence (county and school to inform the educational design and mitigations)
 - b. Well Being and Mental Health
 - c. Mitigation strategies
2. **Follow Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), DuPage County Health Department (DCHD), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois law, policy and guidance**
 - a. Policy adherence
3. **Strive for building independence and autonomy will assuring for the first two goals**
 - a. Return to normal evidence as allowed

Covid Incidence

1. August 19th to September 2, 2021

- a. 1 Peacock student, 2 Franzen students, 5 Benson students
- b. 0 (zero) District 10 staff

2. September 3rd to October 8th

- a. 7 Peacock students, 6 Franzen students, 3 Benson students
- b. 1 staff, Benson
- c. Adaptive Pause in 6th grade 9/16 thru 9/21 for 4 days of Remote Instruction

3. October 9th- November 5th

- a. 2 Peacock students, 1 Franzen student, 1 Benson student
- b. 2 staff, Peacock

DCHD Guidance

DCHD supports the decision-making authority and discretion of Superintendents in DuPage County to determine the appropriate learning plans, whether remote or in-person, and implementation for their school district. DCHD has worked collaboratively with Superintendents to equip them with the public health guidance and data necessary to aid and inform their decision-making process during any transmission level. *DCHD is not able to and does not have the authority to endorse the safety of any specific decision made by Superintendents, within or outside of the recommendations provided in our framework.* As stated in our framework, we encourage DuPage Superintendents to consider individual school-level factors such as case and outbreak activity, specific disease trends and distribution, absenteeism among students and staff within a school, ability of the school to implement key mitigation strategies, and alternate remote learning site options and safety protocols when making the decision for their school community.

Updated DCHD Guidance

DCHD Updated Guidance - Updated letter October 4, 2021 Updated Confirmatory*
COVID-19 Testing Protocols for DuPage County School and Community Settings,
Updated Exclusion Protocols for Schools

Screen Testing is recommended with traveling

Mitigation Strategies

1. Promoting Vaccination
2. Consistent and Correct Mask Use
3. Physical Distancing
4. Screening Testing
5. Ventilation
6. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette
7. Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested
8. Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine
9. Cleaning and Disinfecting

Promoting Vaccinations (1)

- **Governor's Order #87** requires vaccination or weekly testing (PCR) for all school employees. Vaccination and/or testing is effective September 5th, 2021
- Itasca Park District is hosting a Vaccination Clinic for children ages 5-11:
First Dose November 12th, Second Dose December 3rd
- We are planning subsequent dates for later months
- Vaccinations are recommended by IDPH but not required by D10

Screen Testing (4)

- IDPH Guidance supports routine and ongoing screen testing for athletics that are indoors
- It is recommended by IDPH in relation to travel
- Northshore [Parent letter](#)

Screen Testing (4)

- Weekly Screen Testing with Northshore starts November 12th
- D10 Nurses will be trained to administer Screen Test Monday - Thursday
 - If parents have registered their child
 - And circumstances support testing
- Additional access to testing
 - As long as there is no negative test a student can access during quarantine
- Provides parents an extra level of safety now and in the future (with lesser mask usage)
- Not Test to Stay (yet)
- For proximity exposure, symptoms, travel
- Will help with quarantine in relation to testing and siblings

Ventilation (5)

- Rotate specialized air room purifiers
- Use permanently in higher risk areas

Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested (7)

- A Daily Certification opt-out has been provided - Parents have opted out about 850 students
- Quarantine for travel is required for longer travel and recommended for air travel
- Weekend travel is supported with adherence to IDPH safety recommendations

Cleaning and Disinfecting (9)

- Continue to disinfect high usage areas daily
- KaiVacs are used routinely
- Classroom based cleaners for teachers
- Hand sanitizing stations are stocked
- Water Fountains with Water Bottle Filter installation has progressed and continues
- Nightly sanitation with electrostatic sprayers continues
- Playground cleaning continues

Building and Grounds

- Routine ROE and Fire inspection coming up
- Consultation with Security system occurred with ROE, Fire and Police
- New Fire Panels to go in next year
- Fire Sprinklers for all three buildings are in scope with Capital projects

Opportunities to Return to Normal

(mask wearing is not the sole measure of this)

1. D10 Concerts are returning with smaller family audiences with multiple performances
2. Sports will happen at the school district league level with some mitigation:
 - a. Only home spectators, home cheerleaders
 - b. Screen testing recommended
3. Dances are supported (outside but will evaluate inside starting January)
4. IPTO events are starting, outside
5. School Lunches may start in January
6. The charge: "Identify what you need to make that activity happen and safely"

Opportunities to Return to Normal

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1. Small group instruction and intervention are increasing
2. We have started small “family school access events” after school
3. Itasca Park District’s partnership for WIBA has started
4. Daily Certification opt out has been initiated
5. Small Group instruction is more prevalent
6. Field Trips are being planned
7. Other prior plans on masking still exist for when the Governor’s Order is lifted

Next Steps

1. Continue to monitor Covid Incidence Rate
2. Implement and continue to evaluate mitigation strategies
3. Continue to communicate routinely
4. Continue to seek opportunities for increased independence and autonomy as data and guidance support it

Questions/Comments



Itasca Construction/Road Work

- There is extensive road and sewer construction that will occur November - April
- Impacted Roads
- We are attending regular meetings with DPW, Robinson Engineering, Police and Fire
- As a Result:
 - Busing times will be impacted
 - GPS is available for all routes for parents
 - We are continuing time study of route times
 - Stops have changed
 - Peacock School entry and exit has changed
- We will continue to evaluate, identify improvements and communicate out

