

Health and Safety Updates

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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

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
- There will be vaccination clinics for our employees for the booster
- We will offer a vaccination clinic for eligible students this fall
- Planning has begun for student vaccination clinics (family choice) possibly as early as November.
- Vaccinations are recommended by IDPH but not required by D10

Consistent and Correct Mask use (2)

- Students and staff used masks consistently in school and on the bus
- Mask breaks have been utilized and schedules are being reviewed to assure for fidelity
- No masks during recess continues, with some strengthening of procedures
- No masks with entry and exit continue

Screening Testing (4)

- IDPH Guidance supports routine and ongoing screen testing for athletics that are indoors
- ISBE guidance for music doesn't directly address screen testing as a mitigation strategy, however, screening is seen as a mitigation strategy for the whole school population by ISBE
- It is recommended by IDPH in relation to travel

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Covid-19 Screening

Community Driven

Partner to support *your needs*

On-site and administrative support



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Covid-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing is imperative in helping healthcare providers identify infected and exposed patients more quickly. Northshore Clinical Lab has been working expeditiously to develop and offer test services that will yield high quality and accurate results, including a molecular test for helping with COVID-19 diagnosis and a serology test to help indicate possible COVID-19 exposure.

Symptomatic Testing

Northshore Clinical Labs supplies participating schools with an inventory of RT-PCR test kits and associated supplies to immediately diagnose an active infection.

A confirmatory RT-PCR test confirms a positive result and/or rules out a false negative. RT-PCR results are made available within 18-24 hours (same-day courier transport).

Quarantine Testing

With a team of trained clinical professionals and administrative support the Northshore Clinical Lab 'On Demand' team can be deployed within 3 hours of request to provide on-site testing to individuals that may have been exposed to the virus. RT-PCR results are made available within 18-24 hours (same-day courier transport).

*Test-to-Stay: Support

Asymptomatic (screening) Testing

To identify infections early and mitigate secondary transmission Northshore Clinical Labs 'Mobile' team can be scheduled for onsite routine testing.

Our dedicated client support will monitor community prevalence (and therefore risk assessment) to help schools move between different testing strategies. RT-PCR results are made available within 18-24 hours (same-day courier transport).

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Flexible support to adapt to your needs and your environment

Vaccine Clinics – for eligible students, faculty & staff and families

Screen Testing

- Recommend we offer Screen Testing by November
- Contract review with legal currently
- Informed consent and voluntarily by families (parent consent)
- Although if not chosen, other mitigation strategies may still be implemented
- Directed towards higher risk activities
 - Athletics, Music, Dances
 - Travel
- Also used by request when in doubt
- Evaluate this service in November and December
- We are exploring mitigation strategies that may support lesser mask use after the choice of vaccinations and the Governor's Executive Order changing

Ventilation (5)

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

Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested (7)

- Daily certification continues for now
- Families have been strong with keeping children home who are symptomatic or children who have been exposed to a family member
- 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)
4. IPTO events are starting, outside
5. The charge: "Identify what you need to make that activity happen and safely"
6. Small group instruction and intervention are increasing
7. We are planning small "family school access events" after school
8. Itasca Park District's partnership for WIBA is in the "planning to try to make happen stage"
9. Ending Daily Certification soon
10. 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. Start Northshore Screen Testing on an elective basis for higher risk activities and interested families otherwise
3. Implement and continue to evaluate mitigation strategies
4. Continue to communicate routinely
5. Continue to seek opportunities for increased independence and autonomy as data and guidance support it

Questions/Comments

