Health and Safety Updates

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Covid Incidence

1. August 17th to September 9th

- a. 3 Benson students, 1 Franzen student
- b. 3 Franzen staff, 1 Benson/Franzen staff
- c. Adaptive pause, 1 Benson Classroom 8-29 through 9-9

2. September 10th to October 9th

- a. 1 Benson Staff Member
- b. 1 Peacock Student

3. October 10th to November 6th

- a. 5 Peacock students (not in the same class or 14 days), 2 Franzen Students, 1 Benson Student
- b. 1 District Staff
- c. Adaptive Pause: Peacock 7th grade 10-23 to 11-8, 1 Franzen Classroom 11-2 to 11-16

Covid Incidence

1. November 7th to December 4th

- a. 1 Franzen Student
- b. 2 Benson Staff
- c. No Adaptive Pause

2. December 5th to December 18

- a. Students: 2 Franzen, 2 Peacock and 0 Benson
- b. No Staff, no adaptive pauses

3. Winter Break: December 19, 2020 to January 3, 2021

- a. Students: 2 Peacock, 3 Benson and 0 Franzen
- b. Staff: 1 Franzen, 1 Peacock

4. January 4th to January 8, 2021

a. Students: 1 Peacock, 0 Franzen, 0 Benson

Covid Incidence

5. January 9th to February 5th

- a. Students: 2 Benson, 3 Franzen, 4 Peacock (3 families with sibling pairs)
- b. Staff: 1 District Office, 1 Franzen, 1 Peacock

6. February 17th to March 5th

- a. Students: 1 Benson, 0 Franzen, 3 Peacock
- b. Staff: None

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.

DCHD Status & Itasca Educational Design

- We remain in the "Substantial Risk" category for DuPage County
- Continue both In-Person and Remote Academy
- > 29 students on a waitlist. Evaluating move to in-person for 4th quarter. As a result some classrooms/areas will be under 6 ft. spacing
- > IDPH may amend spacing soon
- Many Districts have switched to lesser social distancing to provide more In-Person instruction
- This is relevant for next year (In-Person and less space vs. Hybrid)
- Will present modeling that is consistent with new 3-9-21, ISBE and IDPH guidance in May

Additional Slide ISBE and IDPH, Guidance 3-9-21

- Capacity is not limited to 50 but rather based on setting and spacing
- "Additionally, IDPH is revising the recommendation for social distancing for in-person learning. Social distance for in-person learning is now defined as 3 to 6 feet for students and fully vaccinated staff. Maintaining 6 feet remains the safest distance, but schools can operate at no less than 3 feet in order to provide in-person learning."
- 4th Quarter Itasca Choices (Opening Plan indicated we would evaluate quarterly)
 - Leave as is, no additional in-person
 - Go to hybrid to protect 6ft spacing and be inclusive of all who want In-Person
 - Add students in for the 4th quarter, IDPH guidance has changed
- 4th Quarter Itasca Recommendation: add students to In-Person, but not compromising 3ft IDPH guidance. Inform all impacted parents. Data and IDPH guidance support this.
- Remote Instruction option for next year may only be required for families with documented higher medical risk (criteria?)

Additional Slide Data

- Overall Covid Case Count this school year
 - o 37 students total across 3 schools
 - 12 staff total across 4 buildings
- Count of students quarantined due to family contact, 115
- Count of students quarantined due to student school contact
 - o Benson 3, Franzen 1, Peacock 5 no spread
- Two Week adaptive pauses (Spread is 5 in a class, we were at 2)
 - o 7th Grade 100 students
 - 4th Grade 18 students
 - Kindergarten 16 students

Itasca Procedures Quarantine and Data

- Travel 7 day quarantine required for all domestic travel. 14 day for international travel.
- > 14 day quarantine continues for any close contact and symptomatology
- This is recommended by DCHD and IDPH and continues as Itasca 10 practice
- Teachers have limited their behaviors to support this
- This will continue at this point in relation to Spring Break
- > IDPH may amend this

Cleaning Practices

- Continued Daily Cleanings
- Deep Clean plus on February 26 and March 1
- Special Projects
 - Water Bottle Drinking Fountains
 - Ventilation Cleaning scheduled for Franzen and Benson over Spring Break
- Clean to support expanded athletic programming

Vaccinations for D10

- Over 80% of the staff have received the vaccination
- Itasca Park District Senior Vaccinations started on March 8th
- We need to continue to follow IDPH and DCHD guidelines

8th Grade Graduation

1. Proposed Saturday, May 22nd at LPHS outdoor stadium

- a. 7 days early
- b. We have one other district as a partner to coordinate with
- Alternative is we host later in town at a determined site
- d. Usually we go late and other districts go early
- e. LPHS will be offering programming for incoming 8th graders, specifics TBD

Continued Hope

- ➤ I recommend we go to 3-6 ft distancing and communicate out to parents in advance
- We need to remain vigilant
- Follow data, science and IDPH/DCHD guidance
- Give grace, support and focus on understanding
- Hopeful and humble

Comments and Questions