

# Health and Safety Updates

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# Covid-19 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
4. November 7th-December 4
  - a. 1 Franzen Student
  - b. 2 Benson Staff
  - c. No Adaptive Pauses

# Covid-19 Incidence Analysis

Through 15 weeks of school, 12-4-20

- 17 Student cases (Benson-4, Franzen-5, Peacock-8)
- 10 Staff cases
- Asymptomatic and Remote student counts unknown
- Average 1.8 cases per week for the district
- Average under 1 case (0.6) per week per school
- Weekly test positivity rate average of under 1% per building for staff and students combined (Itasca has been 10-15%)
- In-Person learning recommended for under 5% weekly test positivity rate, county

# 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 School Status

1. Link for DCHD report [DuPage County COVID-19 School Metrics1](#) (Week 47, 11/15/2020-11/21/2020)
2. We remain in the “Substantial Risk” category for DuPage County.
3. Remote Learning is recommended as a school district. We will continue to provide that option and in-person instruction.
4. However, there is no evidence of school transmission or a school outbreak at this time in the school district.
5. We will continue to implement mitigation strategies such as, an adaptive pause as a preventive measure to assure for student and staff safety.

# Cleaning Procedures

- Daily Cleanings inside all buildings
  - Electrostatic sprayers on all surfaces after hours
  - Normal routine cleaning with Quat stat and peroxide disinfectants in bathrooms and high touch surfaces
  - Daily lunch area cleanings
- Weekly cleaning with Kai-Vac on all bathroom surfaces
- Daily (M-F) playground cleanings
- Our daily clean is commensurate with most districts “Deep Cleans”
- Additional Deep Cleans on Institute Days
- Adaptive Pause Space - Deep Clean Plus within 24 hours

# Cleaning Procedures and Support

- Fully Staffed (6 full-time custodians, 1 part-time)
- Coordinator and Specialist
- Weekly meetings with crew
- Training and auditing with checklists
- Team approach after hours and with Deep Cleans
- Team coverage with absences
- Great recent hires



# New CDC Guidance

Local public health authorities determine and establish the quarantine options for their jurisdictions. CDC currently recommends a quarantine period of 14 days. However, based on local circumstances and resources, the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable alternatives.

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
- With this strategy, residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 1% with an upper limit of about 10%.
- *When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available*, then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g. in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
- Additional CDC stipulations to this

# IDPH-DCHD Guidance

- Per DCHD, “the recommended period for quarantine following a close contact remains 14 days.”
- IDPH will update in regards to CDC guidance soon
- IDPH recommends after returning from travel to stay home if possible and monitor your health for 14 days. Symptoms to monitor include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea. This is especially true of “High Risk” states.

# Itasca Procedures and Guidance

- We added 3 day return from travel before return, on self certification for Itasca. We have also recommended but not required a 14 day quarantine after travel
- Administration does contact families when we know they may have traveled to discuss how they maintained safety
- We cannot police family behaviors and investigate accusations made by another party towards another
- Recommendation- 7 day quarantine is required for all travel and 14 day quarantine continues for any close contact and symptomatology
- We set the culture of safety through, self-certification, shared commitment to safety and agreed upon expectations

# CDC, IDPH, DCHD, Itasca 10:

- Quarantine for proximity and symptomology - follow DCHD
- Quarantine post Travel -??

# Parent Support - Thank You!



# Grateful and Humble

- Thanks to parents, students, teachers, staff, administration and the Board for our collective hard work
- Our safety data remains very strong
- We are committed to continuing both In-Person and Remote Academy design
- Let's stay vigilant with our safety practices, we have a long way to go and need not relax or become careless
- Let's collectively stay humble with the pride we feel for what we have done so far
- Let's set a culture of graciousness, support, continued learning and empathy

# Questions and Comments