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2021-22 District 33 Updated COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

February 24, 2022

District 33 Priorities

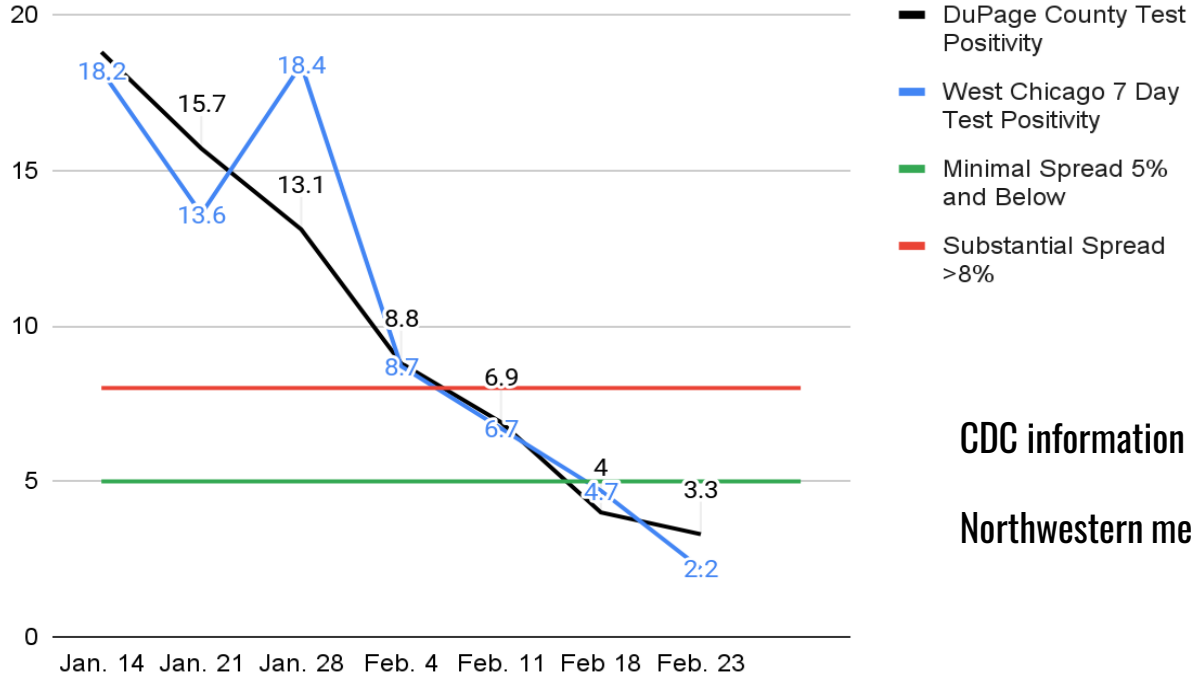
1. Ensuring the safety and well-being of students and staff
2. Maintaining in-person learning
3. Minimizing spread of infection and impact on families and staff
4. Addressing the learning and social emotional needs of students
5. Allowing some choice for families and staff



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DuPage County & West Chicago Positivity Rate



Sources:

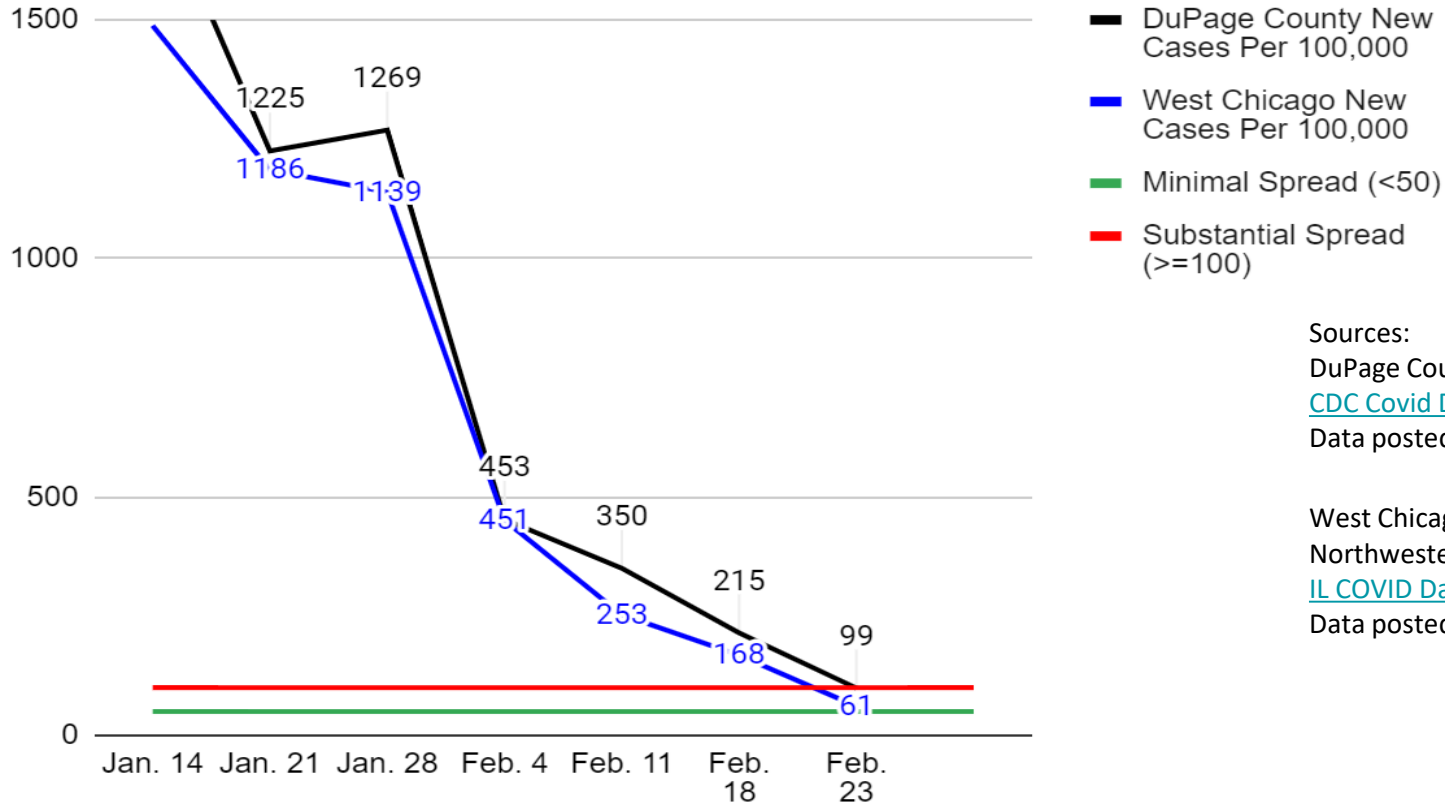
DuPage County rate per CDC
[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

West Chicago rate per
Northwestern Medicine
[IL COVID Data by Zip Code](#)

CDC information reported/ posted 2-23-22

Northwestern medicine reported/ posted 2-22-22

DuPage County & West Chicago New Cases per 100,000



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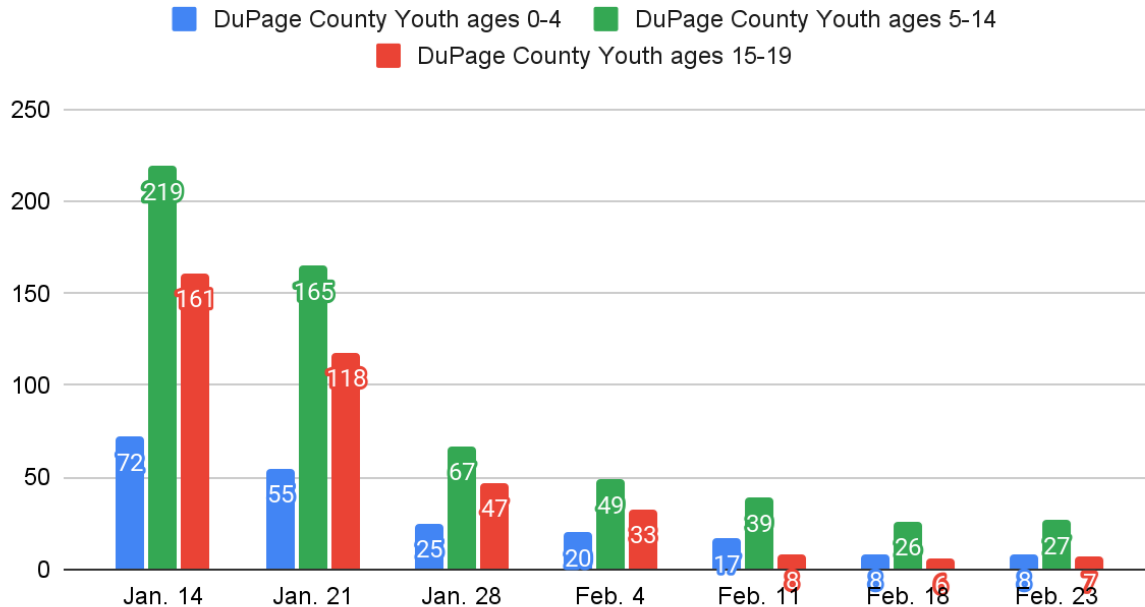
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DuPage County Youth Cases

Average number of cases diagnosed daily in DuPage County

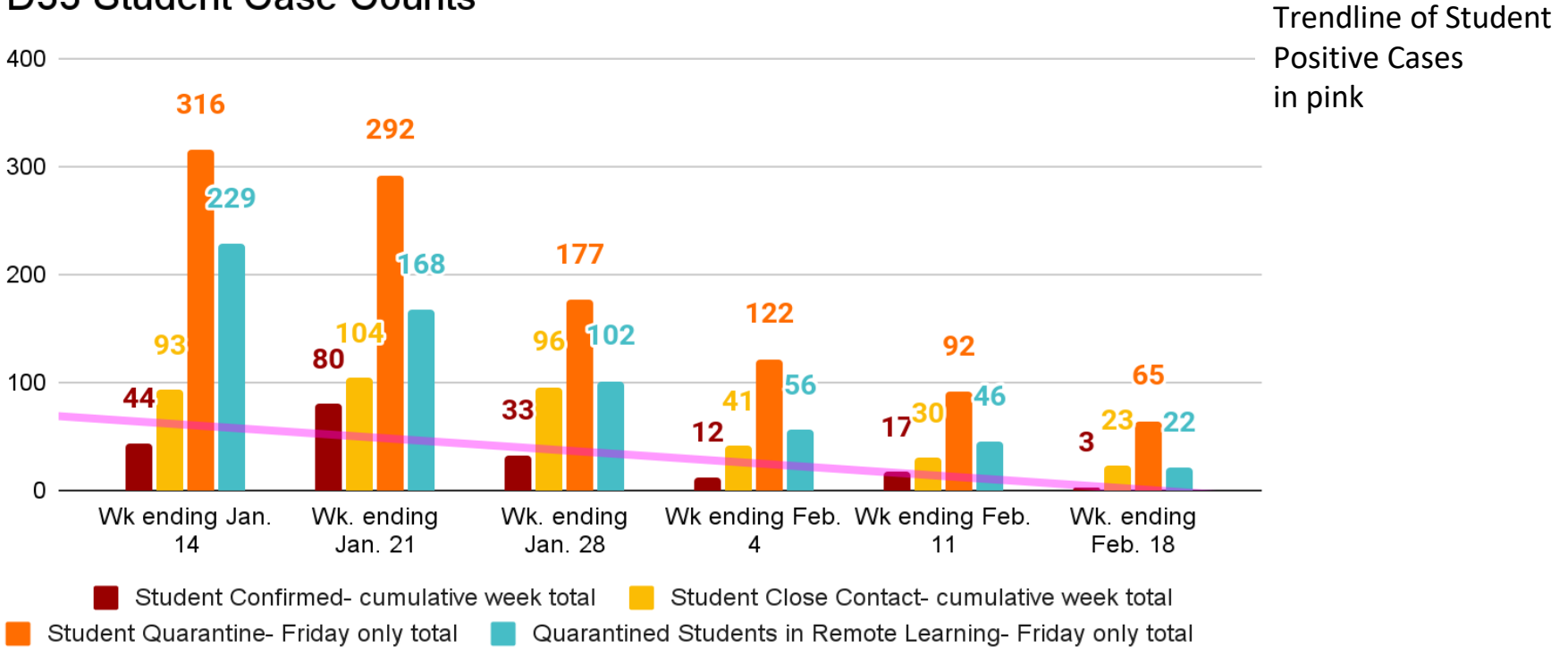
DuPage County Youth



Source: Dupage County Health Dept. Dashboard COVID-19 Cases by Youth Age Group (Years)

District 33 Students: COVID Positive Cases & 6 Week Trend

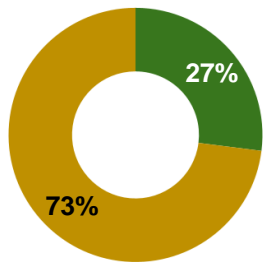
D33 Student Case Counts



Vaccination Data

D33 Students Age 5+

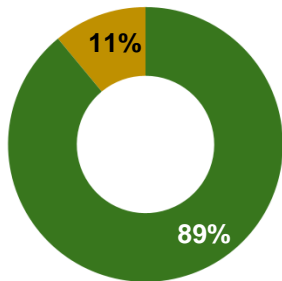
● Vaccinated ● Non-vaccinated



As of Feb. 23

D33 Staff

● Vaccinated ● Non-vaccinated



As of Feb. 18

West Chicago Residents

Fully Vaccinated

66.33%

(23,965)

As of Feb. 23 [Source link](#)

DuPage County Residents

Fully Vaccinated
>= 5 years of age

80.5%

Fully Vaccinated w/ Booster
>=12 years of age

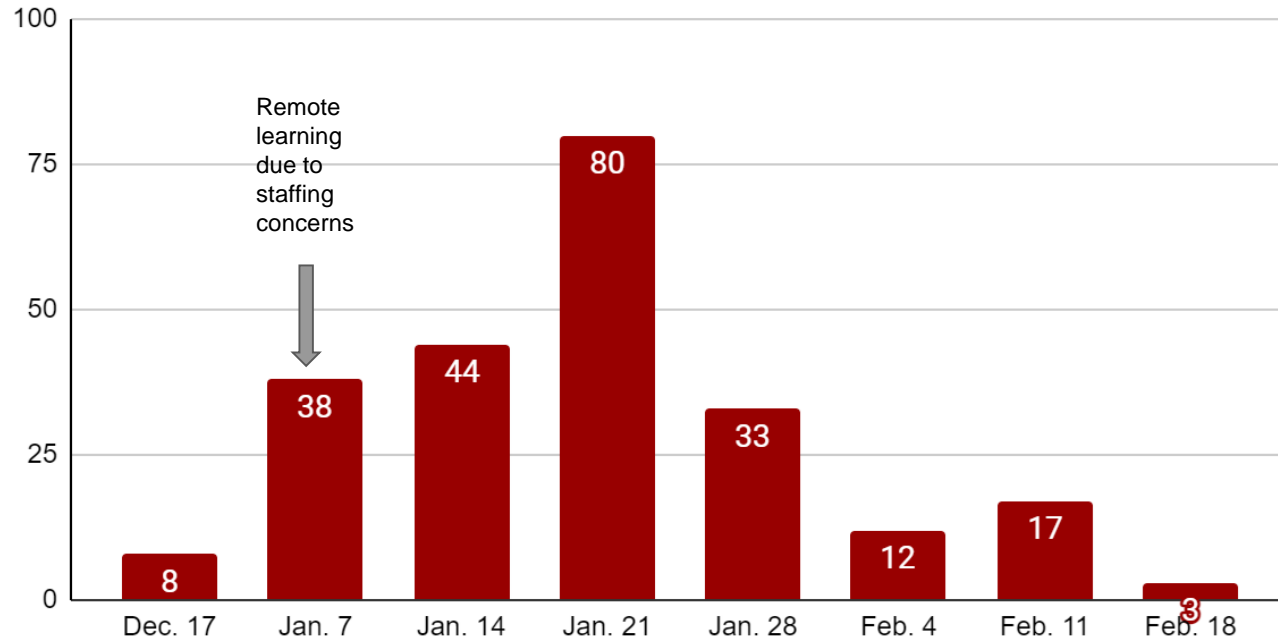
83.8%

As of Feb. 23 [Source link](#)

District 33 Students: Weeks of Highest Case Counts

Total Student Cases for the Week

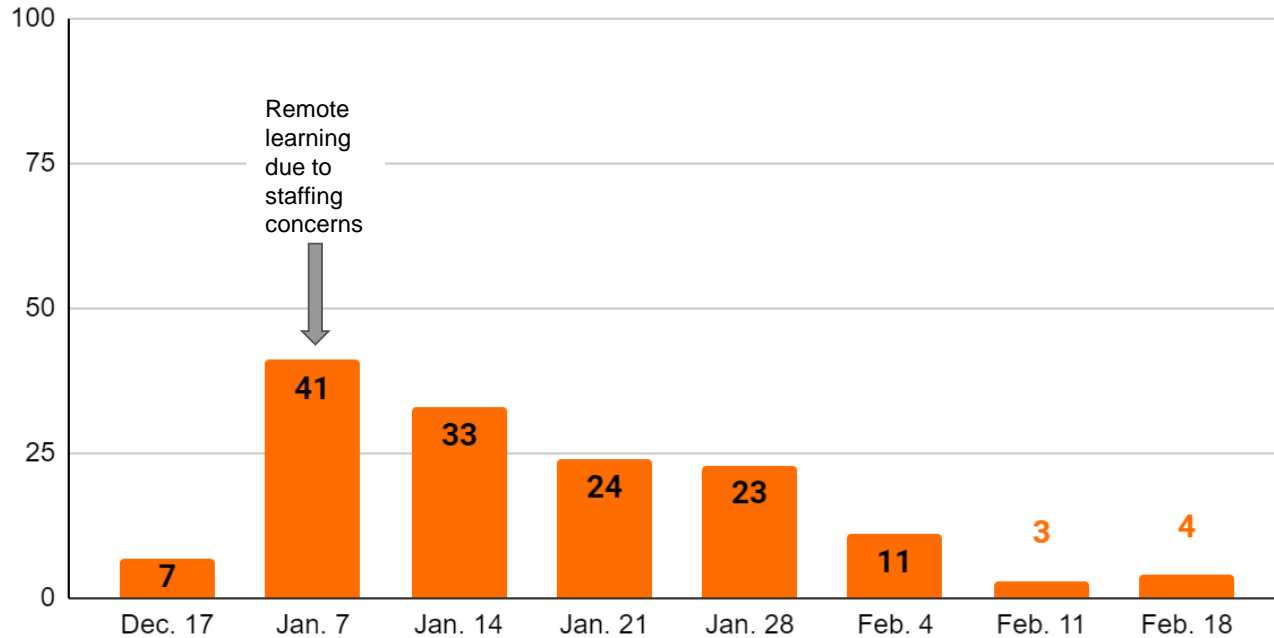
Cumulative cases for the week ending on Friday



District 33 Staff: Weeks of Highest Case Counts

Total Staff Cases for the Week

Cumulative Cases for the Week Ending on Friday



Definition of a School Outbreak per IDPH

The national recommendation that Illinois adopted defines a school outbreak as either (10/2021):

- Multiple cases comprising at least 10% of students, teachers, or staff within a core group (building)
- OR**
- At least three cases within a specified core group (classroom/cohort).

A core group means only those individuals who were together during an exposure period. For example, this could be limited to a classroom, a sports team, before/after school care, performing arts, or other groups and likely does not apply to the entire school population.

2_18_22 Data from IDPH website

*During periods of high positivity rates, Adaptive Pauses with Remote Learning for all students or cohorts/classroom of students may be considered

Monitoring Risk

Risk Level	District 33 Transmission Rate- Case Count by School (over 2 week period previous)	60185 Positivity Rate (as reported by SOQIC @Northwestern Medicine) for past 7 days	Masking	Social Distancing	Sending Family Members of symptomatic students home
High	Greater than 5% of students	Greater than 8%	Masks Strongly Recommended	3 feet	All family members of symptomatic students are sent home until test results received
Medium	Between than 2% and 4.9% of students	Between 5% and 7.9%	Masks Recommended	3 feet	All family members of symptomatic students are sent home until test results received
Low	Less than 2% of students	Below 5%	Masks Optional	Flexible 3 feet	Only symptomatic students sent home until test results are received

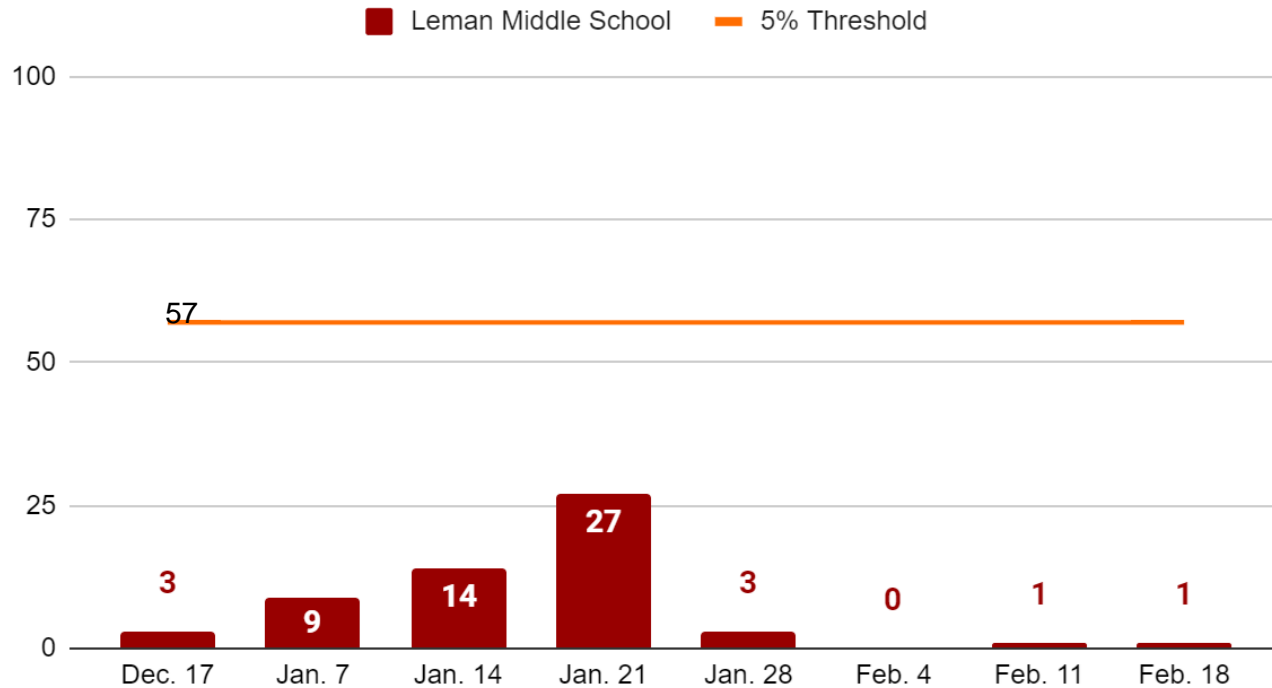
***Masks are required** for positive CoVID-19 students (and symptomatic individuals who do not test) during days 6-10 after identification to be in the building.

** During Periods of **high transmission**, Adaptive Pauses with Remote Learning for all students or cohorts of students may be considered

*** Higher level of District Transmission and 60185 Positivity rates will be chosen

District 33 Students: Adaptive Pause Threshold - EXAMPLE

LMS Actual Cases & 5% Proposed Threshold



With all mitigation measures in place, case counts at LMS did not reach the proposed threshold for an adaptive pause, i.e. return to remote learning

Continued Mitigation Efforts

- Masks strongly recommended for students and staff
- Required COVID testing for symptomatic staff and students to return to school/work
- Optional weekly COVID testing for staff and students with Trilab Health
- Social distancing
- Enhanced cleaning protocols
- Ventilation
- Hand hygiene
- Encouraging sick to stay home

Continued Mitigation Efforts

An individual will be sent home and should stay home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- a. Fever greater than 100.4 F
- b. New cough or shortness of breath
- c. Vomiting/diarrhea
- d. Sore throat
- e. New onset of moderate to severe headache
- f. Fatigue or muscle aches for unknown reason
- g. Congestion/runny nose
- h. Loss of taste/smell

Mitigation Efforts: Vulnerable Spaces

Transportation	Lunch
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Masks required● Students have assigned seats on the bus and a seating chart is available as needed.● 2-3 students a seat when possible.● Siblings are grouped together when possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students have assigned seats during lunch.● Students who choose to wear a mask can remove their masks when they are eating and put them back on when they are done.● Each building will continue with their current lunch procedures based on class size and physical space.

Return to School/Work Guidelines

Exposed to COVID-19 Positive Cases (Remains Symptom Free): Low Risk Letters will be sent home if possible close contact

- Student/Employee remains at school/work if they remain symptom free OR
- Student/Employee may choose to stay home up to 5 days from the date of exposure to a positive case.
 - Student will be eligible for remote learning if this option is chosen
 - Employee will need to use their own time off if this option is chosen

COVID-19 Positive (May Return After 5 Days):

- Student/employee receives a negative test and is symptom free OR
- 5 days have passed since symptoms onset or positive test result and can return to work or school on the 6th day if symptom free (after 5 days home, face masks are required for days 6-10 if return to school/work)

Symptomatic with COVID-like Symptoms (May Return After):

- Student/employee receives a negative test and has no symptoms OR
- 5 days have passed since symptoms onset and now has no symptoms OR
- Student/employee receives written permission from a healthcare provider to return to school/work