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# 2021-2022 D33 Return to School Planning

Presented by: D33 Administrative Team

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Updated Slides 11-12

# Purpose of this presentation

1. Share the priorities for the new school year
2. Update the Board on the new health guidance and local metrics
3. Share the D33 Reopening Plan recommendation based on priorities for returning to school, new guidance and local metrics
4. Request Board approval for the new reopening plan

\*\*The following information is based on the latest guidance and is subject to change



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# District 33 School Return to School Priorities

1. Ensuring the safety and well-being of students and staff.
2. Resuming full in-person learning as well as all extracurricular and all after school activities.
3. Minimizing disruptions (i.e. quarantines) to student learning.
4. Minimize the undue burden families experience when children must quarantine.
5. Addressing the learning and social emotional needs of students.



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# New Guidance



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# Advising and Guiding Agencies - Where do we receive our guidance?

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- Dupage County Health Department (DCHD)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- Local Healthcare Providers (Pediatric Health Associates)
- Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC)
- Legal Counsel



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# Major Changes to Guidance as of July 27, 2021

Primary changes to guidance for the 2021-22 school year include the following:

- Promotion of vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Additional emphasis on the importance of offering in-person learning, regardless of whether all of the prevention strategies can be implemented in a school
- Alignment of masking recommendations for schools with CDC guidance



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“Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority.”

“Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“CDC, IDPH, DCHD are recommending universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.”

# American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) - July 19, 2021

“As we start the 2021-22 school year, a large portion of students are not eligible to be vaccinated and there are COVID variants that are more contagious. Because of this and because we want to have all students in school, the AAP advocates for all students, teachers and staff to wear masks while indoors in school.”



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# Dupage County Health Department

“The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) strongly recommends school districts begin the 2021-2022 school year with layered COVID-19 prevention strategies in place that are outlined in the updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for K-12 schools, which were fully adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health.”



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# Centers for Disease Control - Layered Mitigations

- universal masking;
- social distancing of 3 feet when possible;
- screening and testing;
- proper ventilation;
- handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
- staying home when sick and getting tested;
- contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation;
- cleaning and disinfection



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“In addition to the health and safety reasons for following the CDC’s guidance, school districts that decide not to follow the CDC’s guidance should consult with their insurers regarding risk assumption and liability coverage. Insurers may be unwilling to cover liabilities created as a result of failure to adhere to public health guidance.”

## Collective Liability Insurance Collaborative - CLIC

“At the present time the IDPH has legal authority to implement reasonable precautions to protect the health, safety and welfare of the state citizens. It is incumbent on Illinois school district pool members, their respective administrators and their individual board members to follow these current directives despite personal preferences, other state restrictions or outside pressure from the public in order to minimize their potential exposure to COVID related litigation and its attendant costs.”

# Local Metrics

*Localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies (e.g., physical distancing, screening testing). CDC Guidance July 9, 2021*



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# IDPH Indicators & Community Transmission Levels

Per IDPH, Metrics for School Determination of Community Spread, the DuPage County transmission Rate as of July 30, 2021:

**SUBSTANTIAL**

**Minimal**  
 Total New Cases  
 New Cases per 100k  
**Moderate**  
 Youth Case Increase  
**Substantial**

Indicator	Minimal Community Transmission	Moderate Community Transmission	Substantial Community Transmission
Test Positivity	Less than or = 5%	Greater than 5% but Less than or = 8%	Greater than 8%
County Case Rates per 100K	Less than or = 50 Per 100K	Greater than 50 to Less than or = 100 Per 100K	Greater than 100 Per 100K
County Overall Case Numbers	Two week increase Greater than 5% but Less than or = 10%	Two week increase Greater than 10% but Less than or = 20%	Two week increase Greater than 20% each week
County Youth Case Numbers	Two week increase Greater than 5% but Less than or = 10%	Two week increase Greater than 10% but Less than or = 20%	Two week increase Greater than 20% each week

Source: IDPH-defined community transmission levels in [DuPage County COVID-19 School Metrics Guidance](#)

# IDPH Metrics for School Determination of Community Spread

## Test Positivity (%)

(%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat  
(Target: less than or equal to 5%)

3.7%

✓ Minimal

## New Cases Per 100,000

Cases Reported reported Sun-Sat  
(Target: less than 50 per 100,000)

52 Cases per 100k

⚠ Moderate

## New Cases

Cases Reported reported Sun-Sat  
(Target: decreasing or stable)

482 Cases

✗ Substantial

## Youth Case Increase


Cases Reported reported Sun-Sat  
(Target: decreasing or stable)

111 Youth Cases

✗ Substantial

*Updated  
July 30, 2021*

# District 33 & DuPage County Vaccine Coverage

Vaccination Rates	District 33	DuPage County	Illinois
<p>July 15</p> 	<p>Students ages 12+  <b>10%</b>                      as of June 2021</p>	<p><b>69.17%</b>                      Ages 16-64                      fully vaccinated</p>	<p><b>55.2%</b>                      Population ages 12+                      fully vaccinated</p>
	<p><b>80%</b>                      D33 Staff</p>	<p><b>92.91%</b>                      Ages 64+                      fully vaccinated</p>	<p><b>57.6%</b>                      Population ages 18+                      fully vaccinated</p>



## Summer 2021 Data

As of July 26, 2021

In Summer Camp & Extended School Year Summer Programming:

- All staff and students required to wear masks
- No positive student cases reported through 7/22/21 (one positive student case was identified as a result of travel on 7/23/21)
- 1 student quarantined due to family member testing positive
- 10 symptomatic students quarantined but tested negative and returned to school (2% of total enrolled July 22)
- 1 staff member tested positive and was quarantined per current guidelines

# Return to School Recommendations



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# Instructional Program



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# Instruction During Quarantine



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Pursuant to the Illinois State Board of Education's May 2021 Resolution: "Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-30 and 105 ILCS 5/34-18.66, remote instruction be made available for students who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine and are under a quarantine order by a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health."

We will ensure students who are in quarantine continue to receive access to instruction and support from a remote classroom teacher. Remote learning will not be offered to students who are not under a quarantine order.

# LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

## FULL IN-PERSON LEARNING

- 5 days/week
- Specials schedule will continue (Music, P.E., Art, and SEL)



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# LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

## REMOTE LEARNING DUE TO QUARANTINE

- Remote teacher will
  - work with students during their quarantine time
  - act as a liaison between the classroom students in quarantine and classroom teacher
  - act as a liaison between teachers and parents of students in quarantine
  - provide synchronous and asynchronous materials and support to students in literacy and math



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# LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

## Homebound Instruction

**Homebound Instruction** is provided to a student when a physician certifies that a student's medical condition will result in absences from school for a minimum of 10 days during the school year.

- ISBE recommends one hour per day or five hours per week of homebound instruction unless the student's medical statement indicates that the child should receive less.



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# LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

## Emergency Days and Remote Learning

- Emergency days will allow teachers to teach students remotely
- Remote days will count as attendance days
- Emergency days will not be added to the end of the school year



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# Layered Mitigation Strategies



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# Steps to Minimize Quarantine

Our recommendations are focused on **keeping students in their classrooms for in-person instruction and minimizing the loss of in-person instruction due to quarantine periods.**

The following will be implemented to minimize quarantine periods:

1. Weekly COVID screenings
2. Require masks indoors for all individuals
3. Test when symptomatic
4. Stay home when sick



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# D33 Layered Prevention Strategies



Higher Level of Protection

Lower Level of Protection

**Vaccinations**

**Mask Requirements**

**Social Distancing**

**Screening/Hygiene/Sanitation**

**Monitor Data**

# Vaccinations

“Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic.” - Centers for Disease Control

- Parents will be asked (not required) to share child’s COVID vaccination status which will help with contact tracing and hopefully avoid quarantine.
- Parents will be asked to allow students to participate in regular SHIELD screening, also to help avoid quarantine.
- Vaccines will continue to be strongly encouraged for students who are eligible.



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# Masks Indoors for all Staff and Students

“CDC is recommending indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.” (CDC, July 27)

- District 33 will continue to follow the guidance for schools recommended by the CDC, IDPH and DCHD and require indoor masking for all teachers, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination status until local conditions improve or until the guidance changes.



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# Mask Exemption Requirements

**Q: What if a student or staff member is unable to tolerate wearing a face covering?**

A: Individuals who have a condition or medical contraindication (e.g., difficulty breathing) that prevents them from wearing a face covering are required to provide documentation from the individual's healthcare provider for the school team to consider accommodations that are appropriate for the child.

**Q: How should schools handle situations where students cannot tolerate a face covering or a face shield?**

A: In these instances, parents/guardians, teachers, and school administrators should meet to develop a plan for adaptations and goals for decreasing mask sensitivity whenever possible.

# Heat Days and Masks

- Temperature in classrooms will be monitored daily by the Director of Facilities until cooler weather
- Heat Index of 80 degrees or greater (as measured by individual classrooms) will be the basis for moving classrooms to cooler rooms or possibly calling an Emergency Day.
- Additional fans and cooling units will be provided at all buildings



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# Physical Distancing

“Schools should maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk.” Centers for Disease Control

- D33 has worked to ensure 3 feet in classrooms between desks.
- When 3 feet cannot be ensured in the cafeteria, students will eat lunch in their classrooms.
- Desk shields will be provided upon parent request.



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# Screening/Sanitation/Hygiene Etiquette

- Weekly screening for COVID-19 will be a key strategy to identify cases -- staff and students will be asked to participate in Shield Screening.
- Handwashing stations, hand sanitizer, PPE will continue to be available for students and staff
- Cleaning and disinfection protocols will continue as they did this past year.
- We will ask all students and staff to stay home when sick.



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# Other Safety Provisions

- Occupancy on buses will not be limited but masks must be worn.
- Food service will proceed with 3 ft social distancing (some grade levels may need to eat in classrooms to maintain this distance).
- Masks will be required by visitors to schools.
- Desk shields will be provided upon parent request.
- Facility rentals will resume but school guidelines must be followed.
- Local field trips will resume provided all safety guidelines can be met.



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# Removal of Prevention Strategies

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In consultation with local healthcare officials, the District will make recommendations to remove prevention strategies, one at a time, based on local conditions such as community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks in our schools.



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# Next Steps - Timeline

8/5 Board Action - Resolution

8/6 Parent Communication - Shield Testing and Screening

8/17 & 8/19 Dupage County Vaccination Caravan (1st Dose)

**8/25 First Days of School**

- Wed, Aug. 25th 1st - 8th grade
- Thurs, Aug 26th Kindergarten
- Thurs, Sept 2nd Preschool

9/7 & 9/9 Dupage County Vaccination Caravan (2nd Dose)

Citizens Advisory Council mtg - September



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# Dupage County Vaccination Clinic

LMS Parking lot

1st dose Tues. Aug 17 & Thurs. 19

4-6 p.m.

2nd dose Tues. Sept 7 & Thurs. 9

Staff, Students, Families



Thank you!



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