



WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Friday, December 4, 2020

Dear D33 Families and Staff,

I would like to thank the entire District 33 community for your patience and flexibility during these stressful times. I realize there are differing opinions and feelings regarding decisions that are being made right now. However, the common thread among us is the collective concern for the academic and social-emotional wellbeing of our students.

At the December 3, 2020 meeting, the Board of Education approved an updated timeline for the Return to Partial In-Person Learning for students in Pre-K through 8th grade. We want to share this timeline with staff and parents in order to provide enough time to adjust plans or arrange childcare to ensure that staff and students are ready to return to the buildings after winter break.

Please note that if students or staff have plans to travel over the winter break, they will be expected to quarantine for 14 days before returning to school. Please keep this in mind as you are considering your return to in-person learning.

- **January 4 - PreK-8 Staff** return to buildings. During the time staff will:
 - Teach remotely from the buildings (Monday-Friday)
 - Receive additional technical support for new technology
 - Participate in team meetings
- **January 18 - No School**- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **January 19 - K-8** students in the following groups will return to buildings:
 - Students with individualized education plans (IEP) that spend the majority of their day in the general education classrooms
 - Students in self-contained special education classrooms
 - Students in ESL who speak a low incidence language
 - Students will attend Tuesday-Friday all day
 - Mondays are e-Learning days for **all** students
 - Students in these groups may elect to continue with the D33 Online Learning Academy only
- **January 19 - All Pre-K** students will begin
 - Tuesday- Friday from 8:40-11:10 or 12:30-3:00
 - Mondays are e-Learning days for **all** students
 - Students may elect to continue the D33 Online Learning Academy only
- **January 26 - All remaining K-8 students** will begin two full days of in-person learning
 - Tuesday/Thursday (Group A)
 - Wednesday/Friday (Group B)

- Students who select 100% e-Learning (Group C) will remain in the D33 Online Academy
- Mondays are e-Learning days for **all** students.

More details will be shared with parents after winter break.

I urge you to please help us minimize the spread in our community by wearing a face covering, following physical distancing guidelines, and washing your hands frequently. Additionally, please continue to follow the CDC guidelines by avoiding gatherings and staying at home as much as possible, so that we can bring our staff and students back to the buildings for in-person learning. It is vital for all of us to work together for the benefit of our students, staff, and community.

Sincerely,

Kristina Davis, Ed. S.
Superintendent

Q&A with Dr. Shoshara, MD

Please join us for a virtual Q&A session with Dr. Jihad Shoshara, M.D. the president of Pediatric Health Associates, as he answers questions and shares the most up to date information regarding COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Times: 5:00pm - 6:00pm Spanish ONLY
6:00pm - 7:00pm English ONLY

Please submit your questions by completing this [form](#) no later than Thursday, December 10 at noon. Due to limited time scheduled for this event, questions will not be taken during the session.

Dr. Shoshara received both his undergraduate degree (with honors) and his MD from the University of Chicago. Dr. Shoshara completed his residency training in pediatrics at Children's Memorial (now Lurie Children's) Hospital. During his training, he was twice named teaching resident of the year, and was awarded membership into the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. After completing his training, he joined Pediatric Health Associates in 1999. As an active member of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Shoshara serves on its vaccination committee with a focus on improving childhood access to vaccinations.

FREE Drive Up COVID-19 Testing

Dates: Saturday, Dec 5, 2020

Thursday, Dec 10, 2020

Location: Leman Middle School

Main Entrance off Joliet St.
238 E. Hazel St.
West Chicago, Il 60185

Times: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FREE. No Appointment Necessary. Insurance is not required. Symptoms do not have to be present for testing.