



WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Friday, March 12, 2021

Dear Families and Staff:

Thank you to all parents that completed the survey that went out last week. Our expected date to bring all students back for 4-full days of in person learning is April 13. Schools will be reaching out to parents who have not completed the survey over the next week.

I would also like to share with you some important new information. On March 10 the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) released a joint [Revised Public Guidance for Schools document](#).

The following are key changes for schools:

School districts may choose to discontinue remote learning for students who are not at increased risk of severe illness, who do not have special health care needs, or those who don't live with people at increased risk.

The new definition of physical distancing is **3 to 6 feet** as much as possible.

A distance of 6 feet is required when face masks are removed, for eating, or when outdoors.

There are no limits on the capacity of a single space (except the bus) so long as the definition of physical distancing is maintained.

Staff vaccination is not a prerequisite for new guidelines but is identified as an additional layer of mitigation.

Staff who are fully vaccinated no longer need to quarantine when deemed a close contact to a positive case.

Please see the following additional research that supports the new joint guidance from ISBE and IDPH.

[American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

District administration will be reviewing the newest guidance and communicating with families and staff if there are any additional updates to our current plans.

Enjoy your weekend.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent