

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2021
3:30 P.M.**

Please join the live open session virtual meeting at 3:30 p.m. by using the following link:

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AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 2.1 Minutes from December 8, 2020 meeting
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE DISCUSSION
 - 4.1 Informational Items
 - 4.1a Updated COVID-19 Metrics
 - 4.2b Updated CDC/IDPH Travel and Quarantine Guidance
 - 4.2 Recommendations for Administration
 - 4.2a Modifications/Changes to Hybrid Schedule
 - 4.3 Recommendations for Board of Education
 - 4.3a Remote Learning and Quarantine Policy
5. UPCOMING MEETINGS:
 - a. February 8, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.
6. ADJOURNMENT

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
COVID-19 METRICS

DISTRICT 29 COVID DATA DASHBOARD
DECEMBER 7, 2020

		Level of Resurgence Risk				
METRICS		MINIMAL	MODERATE		SUBSTANTIAL	
RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN		PHASE 5	PHASE 4			PHASE 3
COVID-19 METRICS						
REGIONAL POSITIVITY RATE	REGION 9	<=3%	3.1%	TO	8%	>8% 12.5
	REGION 11	<=3%	3.1%	TO	8%	>8% 12.5
SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=3%	3.1%	TO	8%	>8% 12.4
	DAILY CASES PER 100,000	<7	7	TO	14	>14 67
NORTH SUBURBAN COOK CO. DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=3%	3.1%	TO	8%	>8 11.6
	DAILY CASES PER 100,000	<7	7	TO	14	>14 58.7
NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=3%	3.1%	TO	7.7	>8%
	DAILY CASES PER 100,000	<7	7	TO	14	>14 43.3
DISTRICT 29 LOCAL AREA DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=3%	3.1%	TO	7.6	>8%
	DAILY CASES PER 100,000	<7	7	TO	14	>14 44.4
SECONDARY METRICS REGION 10 (DAYS OF INCREASES)	TEST POSITIVITY	<=3	4	TO	6	>=7
	HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS	<=3	4	TO	6	>=7
OPERATIONAL METRICS						
D29 STAFFING DATA	DAILY ABSENCES	<=3	4	TO	9	>=10
	DAILY QUARANTINED	<=5 4	6	TO	10	>=11
	UNFILLED ABSENCES	<=2	3	TO	4	>=5
	POS/PROB CASES/WK.	<=2 2	3	TO	4	>=5
D29 STUDENT DATA	MASK COMPLIANCE	NO DATA REPORTED – ALL REMOTE LEARNING				
	SOCIAL DISTANCING	NO DATA REPORTED – ALL REMOTE LEARNING				
	DAILY ABSENCES	NO DATA REPORTED – ALL REMOTE LEARNING				
	DAILY QUARANTINED	<=5 5	6	TO	10	>=11
	POS/PROB CASES/WK.	<=5 3	6	TO	10	>=11
D29 PPE SUPPLY (DAYS OF SUPPLY ON HAND)	MASKS	60 >=30	29	TO	15	<15
	SANITIZER	60 >=30	29	TO	15	<15
	CLEANING SUPPLIES	60 >=30	29	TO	15	<15

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Student Mask Compliance and Social Distancing data are updated updated monthly.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COVID-19 METRICS



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DISTRICT 29 COVID DATA DASHBOARD JANUARY 4, 2021

METRICS		MINIMAL	MODERATE		SUBSTANTIAL	
RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN		PHASE 5	PHASE 4			PHASE 3
COVID-19 METRICS						
REGIONAL POSITIVITY RATE	REGION 9	<=3%	3.1%	TO	8%	9.9 >8%
	REGION 11	<=3%	3.1%	TO	8%	10.0 >8%
SUBURBAN COOK (Region10) DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=3%	3.1%	TO	8%	9.8 >8%
	CASES PER 100,000	<7	7	TO	14	>14 40.6
NORTH SUBURBAN COOK CO. DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=3%	3.1%	TO	8%	8.4 >8%
	DAILY CASES PER 100,000	<7	7	TO	14	>14 37.1
NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=3%	3.1%	5.6	8%	>8%
	DAILY CASES PER 100,000	<7	7	TO	14	>14 26.3
DISTRICT 29 LOCAL AREA DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=3%	3.1%	TO	7.8 8%	>8%
	DAILY CASES PER 100,000	<7	7	TO	14	>14 40.1
OPERATIONAL METRICS						
D29 STAFFING DATA	DAILY ABSENCES	NO DATA REPORTED – ALL REMOTE LEARNING				
	DAILY QUARANTINED	1	<=5	6	TO	10 >=11
	UNFILLED ABSENCES		<=2	3	TO	4 >=5
	POS/PROB CASES/WK.	1	<=2	3	TO	4 >=5
D29 STUDENT DATA	MASK COMPLIANCE	NO DATA REPORTED – ALL REMOTE LEARNING				
	SOCIAL DISTANCING	NO DATA REPORTED – ALL REMOTE LEARNING				
	DAILY ABSENCES	NO DATA REPORTED – ALL REMOTE LEARNING				
	DAILY QUARANTINED	1	<=5	6	TO	10 >=11
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D29 PPE SUPPLY (DAYS OF SUPPLY ON HAND)	MASKS	60	>=30	29	TO	15 <15
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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
UPDATED CDC/IDPH QUARANTINE GUIDANCE



State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Public Health

COVID-19

JB Pritzker, Governor

Ngozi O. Ezike, MD, Director

12/17/2020

On December 2, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released new options for public health authorities to consider for establishing quarantine time frames for contacts of persons with SARS-CoV-2. Click [here](#) to review the full details on these new options.

The CDC currently continues to recommend a quarantine period of 14 days. **Further, local public health authorities determine and establish quarantine options for their jurisdictions and may decide to continue using a 14-day period and/or shortened options for certain lower risk close contacts.** However, the following options to shorten quarantine may be acceptable alternatives:

- Quarantine can end **after** Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during any day of the daily monitoring period. With this strategy, residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 1% with an upper limit of about 10%.
- Quarantine can end for **after** Day 7 if **a RT (Reverse Transcriptase)-PCR test** is negative and if no symptoms were reported during any day of the daily monitoring period. The earliest a specimen may be collected and tested would be on Day 6 with quarantine being discontinued no earlier than Day 8. With this strategy, the residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 5% with an upper limit of about 12%. **This option is not recommended for children in daycares or K-12 schools.**

Due to the risk of severe illness and congregate transmission, IDPH **recommends the full 14-day quarantine period rather than the shortened options described above in congregate living settings with vulnerable populations, such as skilled care and correctional facilities.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
PROPOSED UPDATED QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

The Cook County Department of Public Health and Illinois Department of Public Health have released updated guidance in response to the recent Centers for Disease Control guidance revision.

For close contacts and travel, the 14-day quarantine is still highly recommended; however, the state and local health departments have advised our local districts that it is acceptable to follow the alternate quarantine time periods due to our effective mitigation efforts:

- **FOR CHILDREN & STAFF:** 10-day quarantine (can return to school on 11th day) with no test and an absence of all symptoms during any day of the daily monitoring period.

- **FOR ADULTS (staff) ONLY:** 7-day quarantine (allowing for a return to work/school on the 8th day) with a negative test taken **AFTER** the 5th day of exposure with an absence of all symptoms during any day of the daily monitoring period. *This option is ONLY available to adult staff members and the Illinois Department of Public Health is ONLY recommending molecular (RT-PCR or NAAT) tests for release from quarantine.*

The 10-day quarantine option will be an option for students and staff beginning in January 2021. The 7-day quarantine + test option is ONLY available to staff per IDPH guidance.

PLEASE NOTE, THE GUIDANCE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION
RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN MODIFICATION

MIDDELFORK SCHOOL

1. 3 ½ hours of in-person instruction and 2 hours of remote learning (8:30-11:45 and 1-2 for Kindergarten, 8:30-12:00 and 1-3 for 1st-2nd, 8:40-12:10 and 1-3 for 3rd Grade).
2. Morning Specials' Classes (Spanish, Learning Center and PE) will be offered in-person for all students. These three teachers will cross pods.
3. Students in K-3 will attend PE in the large gym with Ms. Kasper, students in K-3 will attend Learning Center in their classrooms with the sub librarian (Ms. Van Boening), and students in K-2 will attend Spanish in the music room with Ms. Nelson.
4. Music, art and some PE will be offered remotely in the afternoons.
5. Students will eat snacks inside during the winter months.
6. Kindergarten afternoon will continue to be required as it is during remote learning.

SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL

1. Increased number of students returning, wanting to keep 4 sections in 6th, 7th, and 8th. In order to do this, we need to have 2 exploratory teachers as homeroom teachers in 6th grade.
2. Exploratory teachers shifting pods to allow for different exploratories to be taught in person (i.e. Mrs. Mattera shifting from 8th to 7th so 7th graders will have PE in person).
3. Shifting classroom upstairs from Legacy Room
4. Shifting 4th and 8th grade start/end times to 8:25 am - 12:25 pm. 5th - 7th are 8:15 am - 12:15pm

RECOMMENDATIONS ITEMS FOR BOARD
REMOTE LEARNING AND QUARANTINE POLICY

Issue:

There are several circumstances where a quarantine period is advisable (e.g., confirmed COVID-19 positive, close contact, travel, abundance of caution due to possible exposure beyond close contact).

Under current D29 policy, only those under mandated quarantine (Confirmed Positive Case, Confirmed Symptomatic Case, Confirmed Close Contact) are allowed to “temporarily” participate in remote learning then return to in-person learning following the quarantine. Anyone in a non-mandated quarantine situation must switch to remote learning for the entire trimester if they want to participate in remote learning during the quarantine period.

Concern:

The current policy create a situation whereby individuals that may be infectious/have higher probably of transmission are forced to either:

- a) have no access to instruction or,
- b) subject District staff and students to possible transmission by attending in-person learning.
- c) switch to remote learning for an entire trimester.

Recommendation:

Allow any student that is under a quarantine situation for any reason to temporarily participate in remote learning during the quarantine period.

Note: It would be the expectation that a quarantine period is for a minimum duration of 10-days (with any symptom presence).