

2022-2023 Student and Staff COVID Mitigation Plan

[IDPH and ISBE Joint Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools](#) and [DuPage County Health Department Information and Guidance](#) – The Center for Student Success would strongly encourage our parents, families, students, and staff to review the most recent guidance from CDC, IDPH, ISBE.

Vaccination	Per the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), DuPage County Health Department (DCHD), and CDC guidelines, vaccines are strongly encouraged for students and staff.
Masking	<p>Students/families, staff, and volunteers have the <u>choice</u> whether or not to wear a mask.</p> <p>If COVID-19 positive, students, staff, and volunteers are recommended to wear a well-fitting mask for 5 full days after the conclusion of their 5-day isolation period. See Quarantine and Isolation, (CDC).</p> <p>The Center for Student Success will continue to make masks available to students and staff upon request.</p>
Positive COVID-19 Test or Exhibiting Symptoms	<p>Regardless of Vaccination Status: Stay home for at least 5 full days. Students and staff may return to school after 5 full days if they are fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms are improving. If families choose for their child to return to school on days 6-10, a well-fitting mask is recommended and an optional area will be available during lunch while eating.</p> <p>While a negative COVID-19 test result is not required for return, students and staff should not return to school until they are no longer exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.</p> <p>Day 0 is your first day of symptoms or a positive viral test. Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms developed or your test specimen was collected. If you have COVID-19 or have symptoms, isolate for at least 5 days.</p> <p>Students may access academic support while they are at home in isolation due to COVID-19.</p>
Physical Distancing	Physical distancing is no longer required for schools by the ISBE, IDPH, DCHD, and CDC. Therefore, lunchroom and classroom designs and student entry and exit points will return to pre-COVID-19 norms.

COVID-19 Testing	<p>It is strongly encouraged for students and staff to get tested if they have symptoms or if they are a close contact.</p> <p>The community has access to free community test sites and at home tests. DuPage County Health Department COVID-19 Resources</p>
Ventilation	<p>Continue to use upgraded air filters where possible in air handling units.</p>
Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette	<p>Students and staff are highly encouraged to wash their hands on a regular basis. Each building offers access to hand washing stations, bottle filling stations, and hand sanitizer.</p> <p>Students and staff will continue to have access to masks at no cost.</p> <p>Individuals should cover coughs and sneezes with their elbow or a disposable tissue and clean hands immediately.</p>
Preventing Community Spread	<p>Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases, including the virus that causes COVID-19, to other people. For more information on staying home when sick with COVID-19, including recommendations for mask use for people experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, see Quarantine and Isolation, (CDC).</p> <p>If students and staff are sick at school they will be sent home and it is recommended that they follow up with their medical provider. While a negative COVID-19 test result is not required for return, students and staff should not return to school until they are no longer exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.</p>
Cleaning and Disinfection	<p>Best practices for cleaning facilities, buses, and other transportation vehicles will continue to be implemented.</p>
Changes or Updates to the Mitigation Plan	<p>This mitigation plan may be updated based upon revised guidance from the ISBE, IDPH, DCHD, and/or the CDC. If any changes occur, those changes would be brought back to the DuPage Regional Office of Education for discussion.</p>
Instructional Practices	<p>Instructional and engagement practices will resume to pre-COVID-19 norms.</p>

Upon review of this document, if there are any further questions, please direct those to CSS administration.