



Dear CCSD93 Community,

As I shared in Friday's Enews, the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) released supplementary guidance on Friday that includes recommendations for instruction based on county-wide levels of Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) COVID-19 risk metrics. We invite you to [review the guidance here](#).

This guidance will play a key role in our decisions as to when it is considered safe to have students back in our schools. The following are critical pieces of information related to this DCHD guidance that our families should know:

- The new guidance establishes **three levels** of community transmission risk based on a variety of factors including weekly cases, positivity rates and rate of community spread. The color-coded levels identified are:
 - Minimal (yellow)
 - Moderate (orange)
 - Substantial (red)

Current transmission levels will impact the structure in which we offer school.

- [Click here to see the current DuPage County metrics](#). As you review the current metrics, please know that any single metric in a higher transmission category will move the county to that level. In order to move to a lower level, all metrics must remain within that level or lower for two consecutive weeks.

You will notice that we are currently in the **Moderate Transmission (orange)** level because the *Weekly county case rates >50 to <= 100 per 100,000* factor is at 96/100k. Based on current trends, it is possible that in the very near future, we move to the more restrictive Substantial (red) level due to local spread of COVID within our county or due to more localized increases among students or staff.

- The metrics will be updated by the DCHD every Friday, and you can find them posted to the [DCHD COVID-19: Information for Schools and Daycares website](#).
- We are currently determining how we will adapt our Hybrid Learning plan to meet the new guidelines and enable students into our buildings while we are in the Moderate (orange) level. To accomplish this, we need to rethink portions of our model, including further limiting the number of times students change classes in a school day and further reducing the

opportunities for students to remove masks. We will keep you updated in the coming weeks on our progress related to this work.

Our goal continues to be to return students to our schools as much as possible for in-person learning if and when it is safe to do so. In addition to the health metrics in the guidance listed above, the following factors will impact our ability to shift to more in-person learning:

- **Staffing** - CCSD93 must have appropriate staffing, including teachers, aides, custodians, nurses, social workers, food service workers.
- **Quarantine & Isolation Restrictions** - By following [guidance from public health organizations](#), quarantines and isolations in place must not prohibit our ability to keep schools open to students or to keep staff members available to educate students.
- **Safety Protocols & Equipment** - CCSD93 must have adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) available and access to all required sanitizing, disinfecting, and cleaning materials as currently recommended by public health organizations.

Below is a graphic with a simplistic breakdown of these factors and where we currently stand related to them.

Returning to In-Person Learning

These are the factors that CCSD93 must evaluate & confidently have at acceptable levels before students can return to in-person learning.



We will seek to update this regularly to reflect each factor's status and will share it with you as appropriate.

I greatly appreciate anything that you can do in the community to help move these metrics in a positive direction, including wearing face coverings, watching your distance, and regularly washing your hands. As metrics change, we will continue to keep you updated on our plans. In the meantime, we are focused on delivering the highest quality Remote Learning experience possible.

Thank you,

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