

## CCSD93 to Transition to Fully Remote Learning Starting 11/9/20

Dear CCSD93 Parents & Guardians,

**This message is to inform you that CCSD93 will transition all students to a fully remote learning environment effective Monday, November 9.**

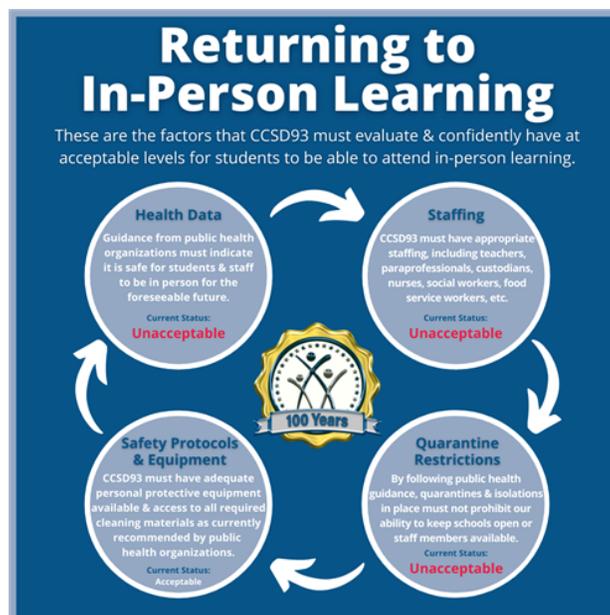
As you may know, for the past several weeks, the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD)'s Community Transmission Level has been designated as "Substantial". The local COVID-19 case numbers and positivity rates have continued to rise.

Despite this increase, the DCHD has continued to reassure DuPage County superintendents that effectively developed and enforced mitigation strategies significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19. In direct dialogue with the DCHD, they have confirmed that CCSD93's mitigation strategies are strong.

However, the increase of local COVID-19 cases and positivity rates have become problematic with regard to CCSD93's ability to offer in-person learning for the following reasons:

1. With the increase in cases comes a corresponding rise in individuals who must quarantine out of an abundance of caution due potential close contact with a positive case.
2. The increase in individuals who have experienced close contact needing to quarantine, as well as positive cases needing to isolate, has caused CCSD93 to reach a point where staffing in-person learning is simply not sustainable.
3. While we have trust in our mitigation strategies, the higher the numbers climb, the greater the possibility that spread may occur due to any lapse in compliance.

Effectively, three of the four "Returning to In-Person Learning" factors that CCSD93 identified at the start of the school year have reached unacceptable levels, as depicted here.



It is for these reasons that CCSD93's Board of Education and I have decided that CCSD93 will transition back to a fully remote learning environment effective Monday, November 9. **In-person learning will be delayed for an indeterminate amount of time until these factors improve.** As we have learned, conditions surrounding the virus are difficult to accurately predict, and we will constantly evaluate a number of factors. Parents should anticipate that there will be no in-person learning for at least several weeks. This is considered an "adaptive pause" as [recommended by guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health \(IDPH\)](#) for situations such as these.

Students should connect with their teacher's learning management system (Seesaw or Google Classroom) on Monday morning at their usual start time.

Additional important information:

- Students receiving special education services will also transition to fully remote learning. IEP teams will be in contact with parents/guardians regarding alternative services delivery.
- Early Childhood Center students will continue to follow the schedule they have been following to this point, but will do so entirely remotely.
- Elementary school students will continue to follow the schedule they have been following to this point, but will do so entirely remotely regardless of whether they have selected Hybrid Learning or Remote Learning.
- Middle school students will continue to follow the schedule they have been following to this point remotely regardless of whether they have selected Hybrid Learning or Remote Learning. They will not transition to the new schedule that they were to begin next week, and lunch pickup times will remain 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..
- When we are able to return to in-person instruction, we will bring back at least all grade levels that have been in person to this point and then phase in any additional grade levels in following weeks. Information about a return to in-person learning will be shared with parents as far in advance as possible. More information will be shared nearer to the return.

I appreciate your flexibility and understanding at this time. This decision was not made lightly, but it is necessary for CCSD93's operations in order to provide appropriate learning opportunities to students and to best ensure the health and safety of all.

I am so very grateful for the dedication of each CCSD93 staff member, which has enabled the district to offer in-person learning experiences to this point.

For a snapshot of the latest metrics and links to IDPH and DCHD metrics, visit [www.ccsd93.com/covid19dashboard](http://www.ccsd93.com/covid19dashboard).

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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