

2021-2022 School Year

Update for the Board of Education

June 10, 2021

Summer U and Extended School Year

- Most mitigation strategies will continue
 - Masks
 - Physical distancing to the greatest extent possible
 - Contact tracing
 - Testing will still be available for symptomatic students/staff
- Exceptions
 - Temperature Checks
 - Any changes in guidance with Illinois entering Phase 5
 - Any changes in guidance from our local health department

Other Summer Topics

- 3rd party programs will be able to use facilities again starting July 19th
- All classroom furniture will return to classrooms as they were set up pre-pandemic
- Storage units will no longer be needed on school properties
- 900+ temporary desks will be removed, but available for special use
- Employees who are vaccinated will not need masks when students are not present

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- ISBE Resolution effective 2021-2022 school year
 - Does not apply to summer school
 - Full in-person learning
 - Remote option
 - Students who cannot access a vaccine AND need to quarantine per the IDPH
 - State Superintendent, Dr. Ayala, plans to make this declaration after the conclusion of current school year, subject to favorable public health conditions at the time
- Other Updates
 - Information is evolving related to close contact distancing IF a school utilizes screening testing
 - Phase 5 of Illinois Plan may have an impact
 - CDC mask mandate and school guidance may change

Remote Learning

Current School Year

- Districts must provide to students who are at increased risk of severe illness or who live with people at increased risk
- D25 offers to any family that chooses it via livestreaming into classroom

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- Districts must provide to students who are BOTH not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine AND ALSO are under quarantine
- D25 will have separate remote temporary classes for *students who meet the ISBE declaration
- Other absences will follow procedures pre-pandemic

2021 Remote Classrooms/Quarantine

- Multi-grade (some flexibility) with grade level standards & typical class sizes
 - Kindergarten – 2nd
 - 3rd and 4th
 - 5th and 6th
 - Special Education (EC – 6th)
 - * If we include all quarantine students, grade ranges may need to increase and class sizes would increase
- General elementary schedule with same start and end times
 - Specials are asynchronous (typically 9 am – 10 am)
 - Lunch is asynchronous (typically 12 pm – 1 pm)
 - Related services, TBD
- Program utilizes 4 *Extended Assignment Substitute* positions
 - * If we include all quarantine students, additional staff would need to be hired to maintain grade level ranges and class sizes
 - * If we include all quarantine students, specialty certification would be needed for some middle level courses
- Program sunsets when full vaccination is available

Additional Remote Options

- Home/ Hospital Services
 - Always available to a student when physician determines that the student will miss at least 10 days due to a medical condition
 - Requires at least 5 hours **per week** unless physician certifies the need for less
 - Dates/times of program are determined by teacher and family
- *Remote Educational Program
 - A school district may, by Board resolution, establish a remote program
 - Requires a remote program plan
 - Also, requires individual student plans
 - Need to submit to ISBE

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- Fluidity and flexibility is still needed as we wait for ISBE/IDPH updates
- Testing opportunities need to be researched
- Vaccinations becoming available for all students will impact operations

Questions?