

2021-2022 School Year

Update for the Board of Education

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Section 1: School Mitigation Measures. All public and nonpublic schools in Illinois serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students must follow the joint guidance issued by ISBE and IDPH and take proactive measures to ensure the safety of students, staff, and visitors, including but not limited to:

- a. Requiring the indoor use of face coverings by students, staff, and visitors who are over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering, regardless of vaccination status, consistent with CDC guidance; and,

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- b. Implementing other layered prevention strategies (such as physical distancing, screening test, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, advising individuals to stay home when sick and get tested, contact tracing in combination with appropriate quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection) to the greatest extent possible and taking into considerations factors such as community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks, consistent with CDC guidance.

Close Contacts Definitions as of 8/2/21

- Classroom exposures (unvaccinated)
 - Less than 3-feet is considered close contact with a mask
 - Less than 6-feet is considered close contact without a mask
- Indoor exposure (non classroom, unvaccinated)
 - Less than 6-feet is considered close contact with a mask
- Outdoor exposure
 - Outdoor activities with or without masks are not considered close contacts
- Vaccinated Individuals
 - Considered close contacts based on exposure combined with symptoms
 - If symptoms develop after exposure, vaccinated individual must isolate

Quarantine - 4 Options

- Option 1 Individual quarantines for 14-days (non-vaccinated)
- Option 2 If no symptoms present, quarantine reduced to 10 days
- Option 3 A negative PCR test taken on day 6 or after, post exposure, can reduce quarantine to 7 days

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Option 4 Test to Stay Program

- If an individual is a close contact and tests on days 1, 3, 5, 7 with an EUA authorized test (PCR or antigen) and results are negative, the individual is not required to quarantine.
 - If testing is not possible due to a weekend/holiday, test as soon as possible.
 - School should notify LHD upon completion of Test to Stay program
 - If close contact develops symptoms, they should immediately isolate
- To participate in the Test to Stay Program, these steps must be followed:
 - School must require masks for all individuals regardless of vaccination status; and both the infected individual and the close contact must have been wearing masks at time of exposure
 - Exception: Household exposures

Recommendation for 2021-2022

- Approve opening school for full-time instruction
- Align with all items in the current Executive Order from the Governor of Illinois
- And, communicate that flexibility continues to be important as health department guidance changes.

Questions?