# Transitional Model of Reopening

Board of Education Update

November 19, 2020

- Action Items in Process
  - Transition
  - Full In-person
- Data Review
- Adaptive Pause Recommendation

## "Transition" Motion

- That the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to modify the current hybrid model, and current parent selection of hybrid model to afford an increase in the number of students attending classroom sessions beginning November 30 through the start of full in-person learning.
  - Do the details within the Full in-Person motion apply here or only when we move to Full in-Person?

## Action Items in Process - Transition

- Requested selection update from families
  - Hybrid (+18) or Remote (+210) until January 19 or Full In-person starts
- Moving in furniture for Total # of hybrid students
- Transitioning (to begin 12/8?) to 4-day hybrid
  - Ivy Hill all current hybrid students
  - EC 5<sup>th</sup> grade Instructional IEP
  - EC 8<sup>th</sup> grade Resource IEP
  - Next groups
    - EL
    - 504 for instructional needs
    - Intervention students
- 50 person maximum continues in lunchrooms

## Action Items – Full In-person

- Finalizing details related to Full in-person and Remote
  - Scheduling Remote Learning Committee meeting to finalize how Full In-Person is organized
  - Assuming this will go through the end of the school year
- Preparing selection memo for families for Full In-Person
- Advertising for lunch/recess if we continue a full scheduled day
  - We are worried about adequate supervision staff for this
- Request for architect services for classroom layout planning
- Plan to move all student furniture back into classrooms following family choice
- We have applied for rapid-result (15 minute) testing via CCDPH & have employees willing to be trained

### IDPH & CCDPH Adaptive Pause Data

• <u>https://ccdphcd.shinyapps.io/covid19/</u>

FOREST PARK, IL – Due to increased rates of COVID-19 transmission, and to prevent having to implement more restrictive mitigation measures, Cook County Department of Public Health officials are advising all suburban Cook County residents and visitors to follow the below guidance to curb the increased spread of COVID-19 in Illinois Region 10. Over 99,000 people in suburban Cook County have been diagnosed with COVID-19, and positivity rates are over 15%.

This guidance is in alignment with the State of Illinois, and in accordance with public health science. It will take effect Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 at 6 a.m., and will last at least 30 days.

- **STAY HOME.** As much as possible, please refrain from any non-essential activities and stay home. If you must go out for essential activities, such as work, to attend school, get tested for COVID-19, get Friday, November 13, 2020 a flu shot, or to shop for groceries:
  - Wear a mask consistently and correctly over your nose and mouth.
  - Avoid close contact with others and maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others 0 who do not live with you.
  - Wash hands often with soap and warm water. 0
  - **LIMIT GATHERINGS.** As much as possible, please refrain from attending or hosting gatherings with • people who do not live in your household. This includes recommendations to postpone holiday gatherings or host virtual celebrations to limit the spread of COVID-19.
  - **LIMIT TRAVEL.** As much as possible, do not engage in any non-essential travel, including vacations ٠ or trips to visit relatives or friends.
  - **WORK FROM HOME.** As much as possible, CCDPH is calling on employers in suburban Cook County ٠ to re-establish telework protocols for staff who are able to work from home.

"Now more than ever, we must come together to stay apart," said Dr. Rachel Rubin, CCDPH Senior Medical Officer and Co-Lead. "We know limiting gatherings with friends and family can be hard, but we also know that virtual celebrations will save lives."

#### Dear Colleagues:



Governor JB Pritzker today announced that additional COVID-19 resurgence mitigations will take effect statewide on Friday, Nov. 20, in an attempt to slow the spread of the virus. With the exception of youth sports, these <u>Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations</u> do not apply to schools. At this time, local school officials, in consultation with local departments of public health, remain the best situated to make decisions about additional mitigations that may be necessary in schools. That means it's more important than ever for schools to follow the directions of local departments of public health.

The health and safety of Illinois students and educators is our first priority. It is your continued diligence in wearing face coverings, social distancing, and staying home when sick that has allowed in-person instruction to continue to be possible. Thank you.

The Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations do address organized group recreational activities (sports, indoor sports and activity facilities, etc.), which include school-based activities. The mitigations pause all indoor group sporting and recreational activities, including youth and adult recreational sports, park districts, and travel leagues, and require the closure of locker rooms. Individual training may occur indoors (with facility reservation), and outdoor sports and recreation are allowed, but are limited

to 10 persons or less with social distancing. Face coverings are required for all activities at all times.

While the Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations exempt schools, with the exception of youth sports, school leaders may want to consider additional creative safety measures in light of the upcoming holidays. School leaders may consider a pivot to remote learning for two weeks after the winter break -- long enough for students and staff who may have unknowingly contracted COVID-19 during the holiday to quarantine and avoid inadvertently bringing the virus into the classroom. This pause would also give schools time to do a deep clean in school facilities.

For example, Monmouth-Roseville CUSD 238 is currently utilizing a hybrid learning model and plans to transition to remote learning for two weeks following the December break as an additional precaution to ensure the safety of the school community, a decision that the district made in consultation with the Warren County Health Department. I applaud this district for using available tools to promote a safe and healthy learning environment.

School leaders might also want to think about taking other precautions, including adjusting spring calendars to break up the solid week of spring break, which might be more likely to encourage travel, and to instead plan three-day weekends throughout the semester or an extra week of summer.

As a former district superintendent, I am painfully aware of the immense pressure our school and district leaders are struggling under in making these heavy decisions. I want you to know I appreciate your thoughtfulness and care – not only for your students but also for the support you show each other. Your efforts are making a tremendous difference.

You have my faith and gratitude for all you do.

Sincerely,

### Carmen

If suburban Cook County meets the criteria for substantial community transmission according to the criteria outlined in Table 1 but a school has successfully implemented and maintained core mitigation strategies, this would still be considered high risk. Schools with in-person learning either predominating or as part of a hybrid model should consider moving to remote only-instruction out of an abundance of caution. If schools opt to continue in-person instruction, CCDPH recommends schools conduct more frequent (e.g., daily or twice-weekly) self-risk assessments and pay strict attention to the possibility of school-related transmission. Any suspected or confirmed cases in students, faculty, or staff must be reported to **CCDPH** immediately.

	Minimal Community	Moderate Community	Substantial Community
	Transmission	Transmission	Transmission
County-Level	Alert for 1 metric but	Transitioned to	Remained in ORANGE
Metric	remained BLUE at any	ORANGE once in the	for >=2 consecutive
	point in the last 4	last 4 weeks	weeks
	weeks		
	Weekly county case	Weekly county case	Weekly county case
	rates <=50 per 100,000	rates >50 to <=100 per	rates above >100 per
		100,000	100,000
	Weekly county overall	Weekly county overall	Weekly county overall
	case numbers increase	case numbers increase	case numbers increase
	for 2 consecutive weeks	for two consecutive	for two consecutive
	with a >5% to <=10%	weeks with a >10% or	weeks with a >20%
	increase occurring each	<=20% increase	increase occurring each
	week	occurring each week	week
	Weekly county youth	Weekly county youth	Weekly county youth
	case numbers increase	case numbers increase	case numbers increase
	for two consecutive	for two consecutive	for two consecutive
	weeks with a $>5\%$ to	weeks with a >10 or	weeks with a >20%
	<=10% increase	<=20% increase	increase occurring each
	occurring each week	occurring each week	week
	Weekly test positivity	Weekly test positivity	Weekly test positivity
	<=5%	>5% but <= 8%	>8%
Regional			Region moved to Tier 1
Resurgence			mitigation

### Display Data by Public Health District Overall

629 Weekly Case Rate per 100,000

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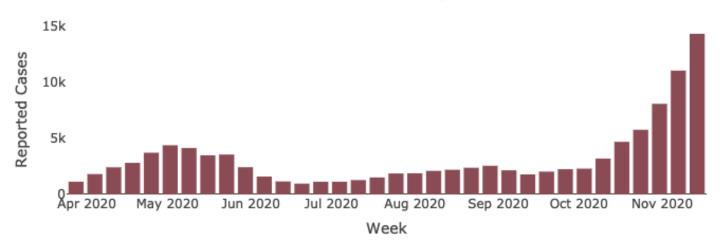
16.5% Test Positivity Last Week

Warning (Orange Current IDPH Risk Level for Suburban Cook

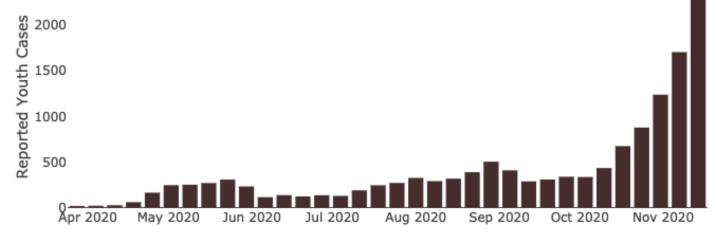
Number of Times IDPH Risk Level was Warning (Orange) in Last 4 Weeks

2

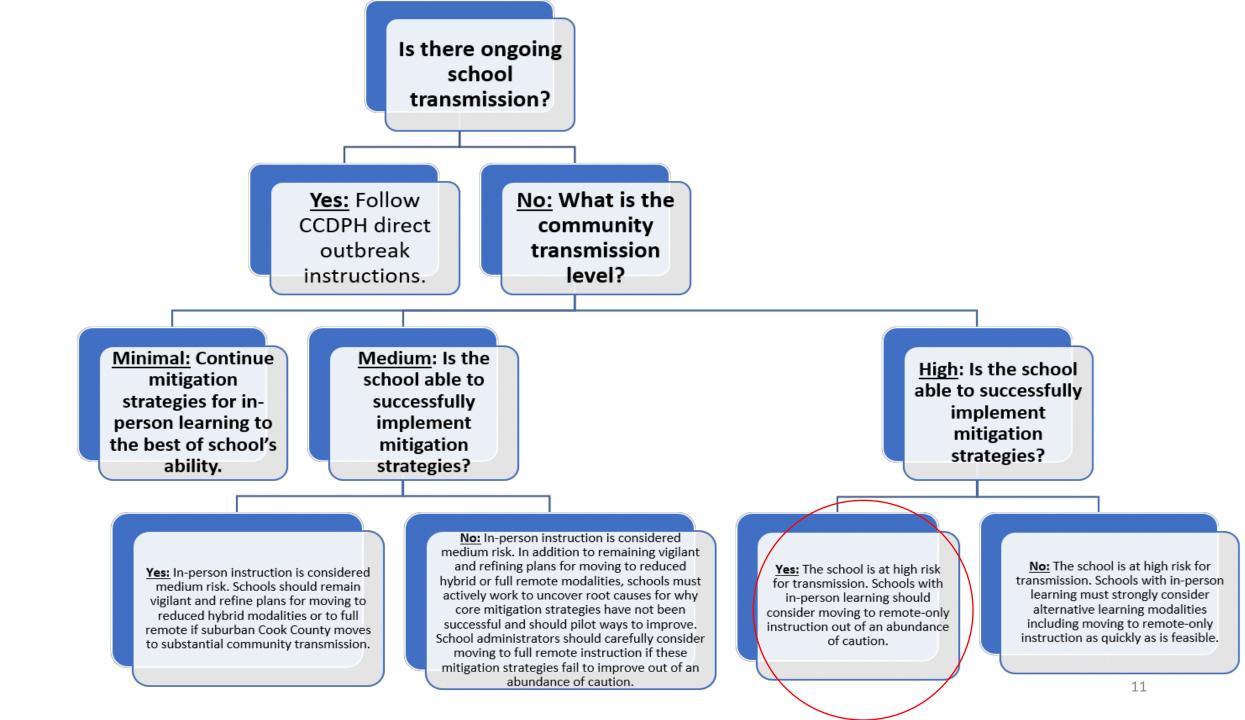
#### COVID-19 Cases by Report Week in Suburban Cook County, IL

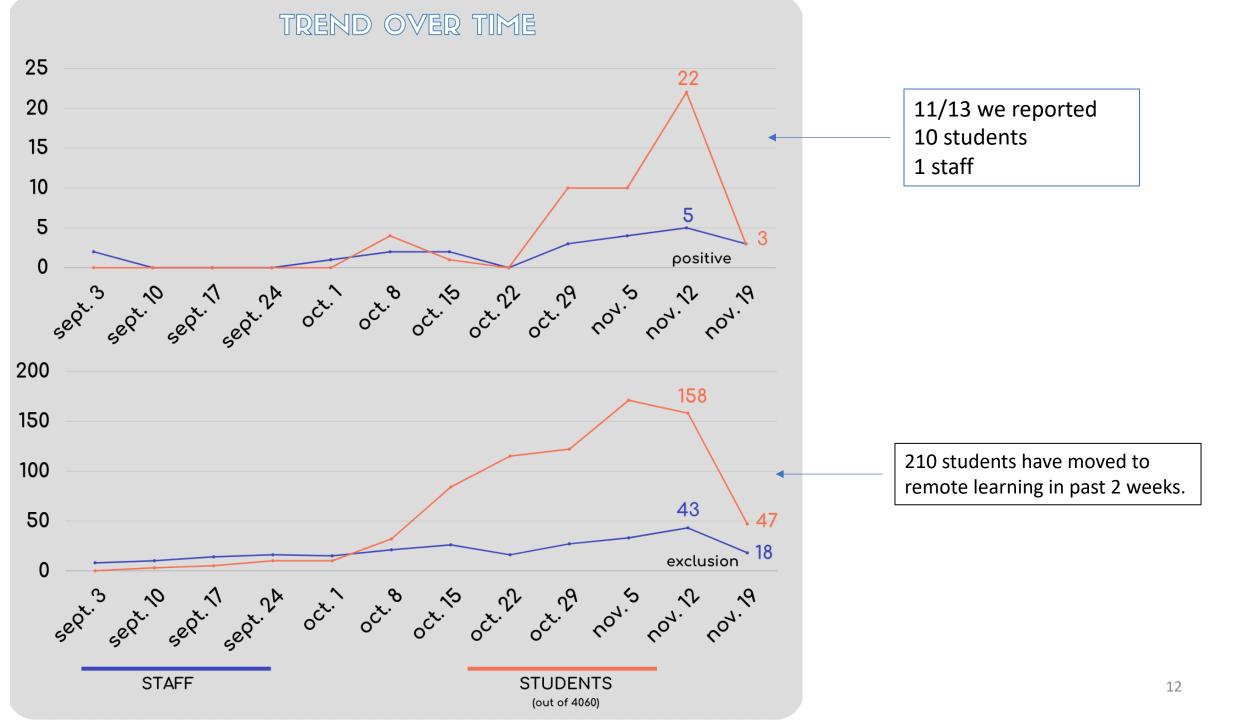


#### COVID-19 Youth Cases (< 20 yrs) by Report Week in Suburban Cook County, IL



Week





### Metrics

### Enter Hybrid

< 8%

positivity Region 10

### 70-175

new cases/100,000 in Arlington Heights Zip Codes

**Operational Barriers** 

D25 Covid Cases & Exclusions <u>Current</u>

16.5%

positivity Region 10

### 629

new cases/100,000 in Arlington Heights Zip Codes

23% unfilled absences -(possible 43% staff absences for December/January)

## Increase trend for students

D25 Covid Cases & Exclusions

Enter Full in-Person

## < 8% positivity Region 10

### or <70

new cases/100,000 in Arlington Heights Zip Codes

Maintain Staffing including substitutes

D25 Covid Cases & Exclusions