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Thursday, January 13, 2022

Dear Arlington Heights SD25 Staff and Families:

We received [updated guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health \(IDPH\)](#) on the evening of January 11<sup>th</sup>. We've already implemented the most significant changes which were highlighted in my previous letter ([linked here](#)).

Below are some additional points of information that we are implementing due to the details we've received from IDPH.

#### If You Cannot Consistently Wear a Mask/Distance

You must stay home for the full 10 days if you are unable to consistently and properly wear a mask at school.

Because District 25 cannot ensure that our Early Childhood students can consistently distance themselves from others and/or wear a mask consistently, we will use the 10-day exclusion period for our Early Childhood students.

#### Test to Stay

An asymptomatic close contact who is not fully vaccinated may utilize the Test-to-Stay option if both the case and the close contact were masked during the entirety of the exposure. The close contact may utilize the Test-to-Stay option to remain in school by testing twice during the period between the close contact notification and day 7 after exposure, with the last test occurring 5-7 days after the last date of exposure. People who are registered for the SHIELD test will automatically be tested twice at school. People who are not registered for the SHIELD test may provide negative test results to the school office from Day 3 and from Day 5 to continue to attend school. Home test results are not accepted for Test-to-Stay.

While participating in Test-to-Stay after an exposure, staff or students who are not fully vaccinated may participate in extracurricular activities, but may not participate in competitive play or performances during the testing period. After the five-day testing period has concluded, close contacts may fully participate.

#### Last Day to Enroll for SHIELD Testing

The last day to enroll a student in SHIELD testing is Tuesday, February 1, 2022. No applications will be accepted after this date. To enroll your student, please fill the form out [linked here](#). Families may



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continue to unenroll their student at any time by filling the form out [linked here](#). If you unenroll your student, you may not re-enroll them past the Tuesday, February 1, 2022 deadline

Thank you for your patience as we continue to adjust to updated guidance. As always, please first check the [District 25 Protocols and Guidelines](#) document for more detailed guidance that may be specific to your COVID-19 situation. If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to your school principal or me.

Sincerely,

Lori D. Bein, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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