



2021-22 Updated Guidance for Schools

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End of 2020-21 School Year Mitigations

- Physical distancing at 3-6 feet ✓
- At-home COVID-19 symptom monitoring ✓
- Hand hygiene practices ✓
- Cleaning and disinfecting practices ✓
- Focus on adequate ventilation ✓
- Masks required on buses ✓
- Contact tracing at 6 feet ✓
- Data monitoring and case reporting ✓
- Optional COVID-19 testing ✓
- Share information regarding vaccine opportunities for those eligible ✓
- Masks in schools ✓

To get kids back in-person safely,
schools should monitor



Community
Transmission



Vaccination
Coverage



Testing



Outbreaks

to help prevent the spread of COVID-19



cdc.gov/coronavirus

COVID-19 (2020)

New Guidance July 9, 2021

- In Person Schooling
- Mitigation Layers
- Recommendations
- Local Control/Decision Making



New Guidance for Schools - July 9, 2021

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) updated guidance to schools
- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) adoption of CDC's updated guidance to schools
- The guidance recognizes the fundamental importance of in-person learning for the wellbeing of students, families, and communities. Schools are urged to prioritize full-time access to in-person learning for all students, while layering public health requirements to the best ability.
- Guidance does focus on importance of vaccination
- Guidance allows for more local control of decision-making



New Guidance for Schools Summary

- **3 feet of physical distance should be maintained for unvaccinated individuals**
- **Regular hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette is encouraged**
- **Masks should be worn for unvaccinated individuals, especially when 3 feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained**
- **Masks are required to be worn on the bus**
- **Districts do have the local control to remove prevention strategies based on local conditions and should be removed one at a time and monitored closely**



Current Local Metrics (as of 7/13/21)

July 7, 2021

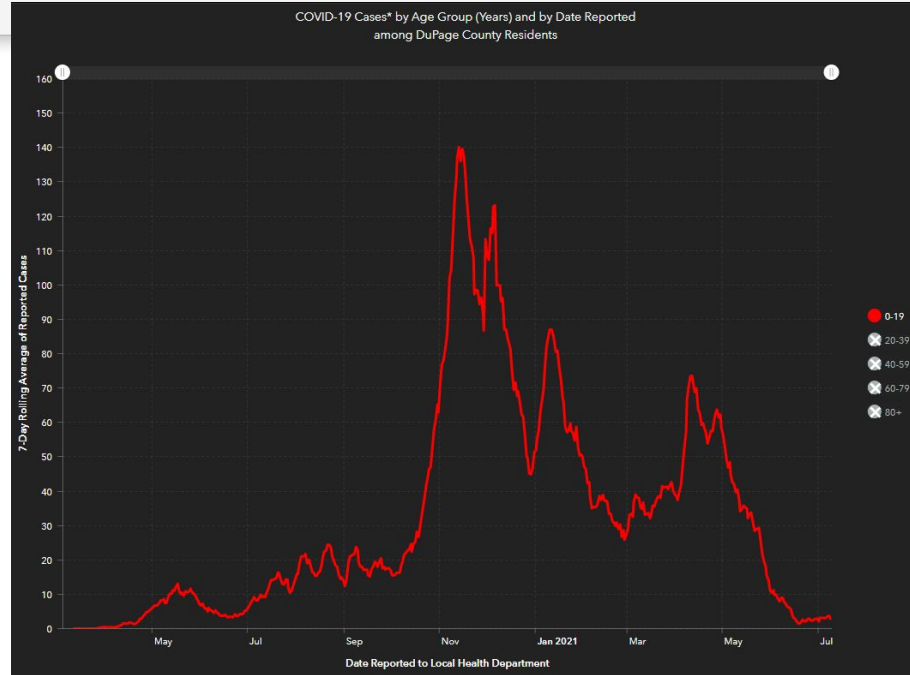
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DuPage County Ranks in the Top 2 Percent of U.S. Counties with Eligible Residents Vaccinated against COVID-19

DuPage County—According to the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 vaccination data, DuPage County ranks 47th out of 3,283 counties, or the top 2%, among U.S. counties with the highest percentage of eligible residents vaccinated with at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. As of July 7, more than 80 percent of eligible residents 12 years and older have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 64 percent are fully vaccinated. Additionally, 98 percent of DuPage County residents ages 65 years and older have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 82 percent are fully vaccinated.

(Source: DCHD)

Local Metrics (as of 7/13/21)



7/19/21 - 2.6 cases per day (rolling average) for ages 0-19 in DuPage County (Source: DCHD)

Local Metrics (as of 7/13/21)

New Cases Per 100,000

Case rate reported Sun-Sat
(Target: less than 50 per
100,000)

11 per 100k

Target

6/27 - 7/13/21
(Source: IDPH)

Local Metrics (as of 7/13/21)

Number of CLI Admissions

Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness
(Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)


15

Target

6/27 - 7/13/21
(Source: IDPH)



2020-21 End of Year D200 Metrics



Early Childhood & Elementary (4,044 in-person students)				
Week of:	5/31 - 6/6	5/24 - 5/30	5/17 - 5/23	5/10 - 5/16
Students with Positive Tests	1	0	0	3
Maximum # of Students Quarantined in a Day Due to Close Contact With a Positive Case	7	13	19	41
Staff with Positive Tests	0	0	0	0
Maximum # of Staff Quarantined in a Day Due to Close Contact With a Positive Case	0	0	0	2

(Source: District 200 Health Services Department)

2021-22 Recommendations

District 200 schools will continue to operate consistent with the guidance provided by health authorities.

Based on current metrics and vaccination levels, we do recommend layered mitigation measures.



2021-22 School Year Mitigations

- **Physical distancing at 3 feet** ✓
- **At-home COVID-19 symptom monitoring** ✓
- **Hand hygiene practices** ✓
- **Cleaning and disinfecting practices** ✓
- **Adequacy of ventilation and filtration systems** ✓
- **Masks required on buses** ✓
- **Contact tracing at 3 feet** ✓
- **Data monitoring and case reporting** ✓
- **Optional COVID-19 testing** ✓
- **Share information regarding vaccine opportunities for those eligible** ✓
- **Masks in schools - Not Mandated**

Recommendation and Rationale

- **Districts do have the local control to remove prevention strategies based on local conditions and mitigations should be removed one at a time and monitored closely**
- **At this time, we are recommending that the first prevention strategy we lift is mandatory mask-wearing, as it offers individuals (both students and staff) and families a choice to continue wearing a face covering should they want to make that choice**
- **Staff will ensure that our schools remain safe and supportive environments, supportive of an individual's choice on mask-wearing**



Board Policy 4:182 - Face Coverings

Application and Duration of Policy

This policy shall apply any time ISBE and/or IDPH Joint Guidance recommends that face coverings be used in Illinois schools. Upon any change in or withdrawal of the Joint Guidance, the School Board hereby delegates to the Superintendent the authority to establish temporary rules and procedures, and/or to suspend this policy, consistent with such change or withdrawal.



Close Contacts & Quarantine

- A close contact is defined as within 6 feet for unvaccinated individuals *not* wearing a mask
- District 200 will continue to follow the IDPH Decision Tree regarding school attendance
- Students in quarantine will receive educational supports

Case Monitoring

- **District 200 will continue to monitor student cases via our dashboard and work closely with the DuPage County Health Department to monitor any potential outbreaks**
- **District administrators will reserve the right to implement face coverings as a temporary mitigation should local conditions deem that to be necessary.**

Questions?

