



Monday Memo

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Important link: Our website page with [COVID-19 and school reopening updates](#).

Latest Thoughtexchange closes today! Share your thoughts and review others' input on the following question: *What knowledge, skills, and experiences will our graduates need to be successful in life after high school? What are our strengths, and how can we improve in how we prepare our graduates for that success?* [Click here](#) to go to the exchange.

Reimagine Education OPRF Advisory Committee

So far we've had two virtual meetings of the advisory committee that is providing input and feedback to the Reimagine steering committee as it works on developing a hybrid learning plan. ([Click here](#) to see the membership list.) We recorded these meetings so that anyone in the community can view them:

- [Click here](#) for the Oct. 15, 2020, meeting.
- [Click here](#) for the Oct. 20, 2020, meeting.

Prior to the next advisory committee meeting this Thursday, Oct. 29, we're convening a smaller subgroup of our medical experts. The goal is to have a focused, robust discussion around the following key questions: What specific threshold metrics should we use for moving from stage to stage? What type of testing program would really be useful--type of test and frequency? Are there any scenarios where less than 6 feet of social distancing would be safe?

It Will Take YOU to Get Us Back in School

The entire state is experiencing an alarming surge of COVID-19. In the four ZIP codes comprising Oak Park and River Forest, the seven-day positivity rate jumped from 2.85% to 4.36% in just one week (Oct. 18 - 24). During this same period, the number of new cases per 100,000 went from 83 to 167.* With the holidays approaching, it's hard to imagine these numbers reversing themselves in the next couple of months.

The only way we Huskies will be able to back in the building together is if every single one of us does our part to be safe and stop the spread of the virus. Mask up. Social distance. Wash your hands. And please, I implore you: **Avoid unsafe social gatherings.** With the days becoming darker and colder, I know it's harder and more lonely than ever to limit contact with friends and family outside our immediate household. But such gatherings are a key source of community spread and need to be avoided.

Remember: We isolate now so that when we gather again, no one is missing.

**To track metrics by Illinois ZIP code, [click here](#) for Northwestern University's Feinburg School of Medicine COVID-19 dashboard.*

Updated FAQs

[Click here](#) to see a new section of frequently asked questions about our learning plans, based on questions received at the Oct. 5 town hall.