



Monday Memo

From Supt. Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams
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Important link: Our website page with [COVID-19 and school reopening updates](#).

Remote learning extended through Nov. 24

With case counts of COVID-19 continuing to escalate both locally and throughout Cook County, the district is extending remote learning at least through next Tuesday, Nov. 24, the last day of classes before the Thanksgiving break. Here are several sources to track local and area cases:

- [Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine](#). Allows searching by ZIP code. To see combined rates for Oak Park and River Forest, use 60301, 60302, 60304, and 60305. Updated daily.
- [Illinois Department of Public Health \(IDPH\)](#). Search by county to see the data that the Illinois Department of Public Health recommends schools use for decision making. Updated weekly.
- [OPRF spreadsheet](#) with IDPH school metrics dating back to Aug. 30-Sept. 5. Updated weekly.
- [Village of Oak Park](#). Click Village Manager Reports to see updates from the Oak Park Department of Public Health, posted Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Cases counts are broken down by age ranges, including 14 to 19 years old.

State issues stay-at-home advisory

Last Wednesday, Nov. 11, the Illinois Department of Public Health recommended that all residents in the state stay at home as much as possible, leaving only for necessary and essential activities. Cook County has [updated its travel guidance](#) and state-by-state quarantine requirements with the recommendation that *anyone traveling to suburban Cook County from outside the county should quarantine for 14 days*.

I know that making decisions not to see beloved family and friends over Thanksgiving is heart-wrenching. But it is necessary. The news today that a second vaccine is showing a high rate of success offers the possibility that we will be able to be together--and hug!--our loved ones in a few months. Please stay strong and committed to following the public health recommendations that will keep us all as safe as possible. Remember: We isolate now so that when we gather again, no one is missing.

DRAFT hybrid learning plan presentation this week

This Thursday, Nov. 19, the first draft of our semester 2 plan for hybrid learning will be presented to the Board of Education. As required by the Open Meetings Act, Board agendas are always posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The agenda item for the presentation will include the draft plan and the slide deck for the presentation. [Click here](#) to visit the Board Docs page where meeting agendas are posted.

Small-group support for students

A reminder that OPRF social workers are offering Mind Over Matter, a new support program of small student groups that focus on topics such as self-regulation strategies, mindfulness practice, and self-care tips. [Click here](#) to sign up.