



COVID-19 SAFETY MITIGATIONS FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR



UNIVERSAL MASKING

Consistent and correct mask use is required for all students and staff, regardless of vaccination status. Distanced mask breaks will be provided.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

We will make every effort to maintain as much distance as possible between students—at least 3 feet—in classrooms and during lunch.



WEEKLY SCREENING TESTING

D97 will partner with SHIELD Illinois to provide testing to all students in Pre-K through eighth grade. Testing is optional but strongly recommended.



CONTACT TRACING, ISOLATION AND QUARANTINES

Unvaccinated individuals who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or who test positive, must quarantine/isolate for 10-14 calendar days.



STAYING HOME WHEN SICK

Staying home if you are ill or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is essential to keep infections out of schools and prevent spread to others.



HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Students and staff will practice frequent handwashing and proper respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes).



CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

Staff will perform regular school cleaning and disinfect all high-touch surfaces daily. The full classroom disinfection process will occur weekly.



VENTILATION

The district will continue to follow industry standards for indoor air quality and will remain diligent with regular system maintenance.



VACCINATIONS ENCOURAGED

According to the CDC and IDPH, vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic.



QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

At the direction of the Oak Park Department of Public Health, unvaccinated individuals who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or who test positive for COVID-19, must quarantine/isolate from school for a period of 10-14 calendar days. Students and staff may return after following the protocols outlined below.

UPDATED CDC CLOSE CONTACT DEFINITION

According to the CDC, classroom students who were within 3 to 6 feet of the infected student are not treated as close contacts as long as both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of a well-fitting mask and the school has implemented other prevention strategies. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

VACCINATED STUDENTS AND STAFF

ASYMPTOMATIC

- No missed school, work or activities
- Get tested 3-5 days after exposure
- Submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination to the school nurse to avoid quarantine

SYMPTOMATIC

- Quarantine until symptoms subside
- School nurses will clear students/staff to return to school

UNVACCINATED STUDENTS AND STAFF

ASYMPTOMATIC

SYMPTOMATIC

For the 2021-22 school year, the Oak Park Department of Public Health is offering school districts two quarantine options for unvaccinated close contacts in order to support students being in school as much as possible: 1) 14 days, or 2) 10 days, with mandatory testing on days 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Although the district intends to utilize the 10-day option for close contacts this school year, the district will temporarily require unvaccinated students and staff to quarantine for the full 14 days due to the current transmission rates and delays in implementing SHIELD testing.