

2021-22 OPENING OF SCHOOL PLAN

UPDATED FEBRUARY 24, 2022

BACKGROUND FOR MOVING FORWARD

The global COVID-19 pandemic has presented evolving challenges that our community has handled with a united front. With no road map on navigating this pandemic, the operational practices we have put in place have been crafted with input from our Education Association, parents, medical professionals, Board of Education, and administrative team.

The 2021-22 School Year has prioritized moving forward with a much more normal school experience, operating as safely as possible. We remain grateful for all of the hard work by our teachers and students to maintain in-person learning every day this year. We also value the partnership and support of our parents.

Throughout this pandemic, District 30 and Northfield Township schools have followed health guidance universally recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH). It remains the intent of the District 30 Board of Education to continue this practice to the greatest extent possible.

The District 30 Board of Education reserves the right to update this plan continuously. The Superintendent has the authority to make temporary changes to this plan that are then considered and ratified by the Board of Education (e.g., a COVID-19 outbreak in a classroom or building supports temporarily requiring masks).

COVID-19 MONITORING

District 30's administrative team will continue to monitor, update and maintain the following local and regional COVID-19 dashboards:

- [Northfield Township COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [District 30 Vaccination and SHIELD Screening Dashboard](#)
- [District 30 COVID-19 Case Dashboard](#)

The above COVID-19 metrics, along with local health recommendations will continue to be utilized to monitor the appropriateness of this plan and inform its evolution.



DISTRICT 30 COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN

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FACE MASKING POLICY

Universal masking IS required in schools
UNTIL March 7, 2022
(per superintendent, Feb. 25)

Beginning March 7, 2022

(per superintendent, Feb. 28)

- Recommended (not mandatory) face masks in school buildings (per Superintendent optional 3/7).
- Required situational masking:
 - Federally mandated masks on school buses (as per Superintendent recommended 2/28, optional 3/7)
 - Mandated masks in school health offices
 - Masks may be required in limited, case-by-case situations.
 - Masks may be required as special circumstances necessitate

ADDITIONAL MITIGATIONS

- Maintain 3-foot social distancing as much as possible, with 6 feet of distance during lunchtimes.
- Provide appropriate accommodations for students and staff with disabilities
- Continue weekly SHIELD testing for any students and staff who do not opt-out of testing
- Maintain quality air circulation in all buildings.
- Continue electrostatic spraying as part of our nightly cleaning routine.
- Providing KN95 masks to staff through the remainder of the 21-22 school year.
- Continue RUVNA health screening and re-evaluate it two weeks after spring break.
- Utilize a visitor check-in form to verify vaccination and COVID symptom status.
- Continue to encourage hand washing and sanitizing routines.

COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES MUST:

Stay home for a minimum of five calendar days following a positive test or symptom onset, fever-free without medications for 24 hours, symptoms improving, AND continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for five additional days

OR

Stay home for at least ten calendar days following a positive test or symptom onset, fever-free without medications for 24 hours and symptoms improving.

HOME SUPPORT FOR COVID-EXCLUDED STUDENTS

Excluded students, who are home due to COVID-19, will continue to receive home instructional support. This will look different at different ages / grade-levels.

More information on home support strategies is available at our [learning resources website](#)

Please review the details of this plan as a resource for your family decisions. It is our hope that our district community will continue to move forward together, with empathy, compassion and respect for one another.