Return to Learn Plan 2022-23 at a Glance
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Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education has fully adopted CDC guidance. Refer to these documents for more in-depth information. CDC school guidance

Consider increasing layering prevention strategies below during medium or high Community Levels or outbreaks.

Masks/PPE
- Masks are strongly encouraged and recommended to be worn on school transportation and inside school buildings by all individuals regardless of their vaccination status during times of high transmission unless the individual has a physician-documented mask exemption.
- All SASED office and program locations and services staff will be mask recommended for students and staff in classrooms, offices, and meeting spaces during times of high transmission.
- Updated SASED PPE-Cleaning Protocol
- PPE replenishment form - order more classroom PPE supplies using this form

Preventative Hygiene
- Individuals should wash their hands often, avoid touching their faces, and cover coughs and sneezes.

Social Distancing
- The CDC is no longer emphasizing social distancing as a key method to reduce the risk of exposure. Use good judgment to determine distancing in the classroom and elsewhere. In-Person meetings and professional development activities will resume at the SASED Administration Center.

Vaccinations
- Staying up to date on routine vaccinations is strongly recommended for any staff and students who are eligible. Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Link to definitions of Fully Vaccinated. Find COVID-19 Vaccines & Boosters
- Parents are strongly encouraged to share the vaccination status of their child with school health personnel.
- Staff need to share their vaccination status with the SASED human resources department.
- In order to receive up to 5 COVID sick days, staff need to have had both initial doses (fully vaccinated).

Symptoms/Illness

What to do when a student has symptoms or is COVID positive
- Parents should contact your student's teacher or program secretary as you would for any other absence
- Students should stay home until fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, 24 hours after diarrhea/vomiting have ceased, and symptoms have improved.
- If COVID positive, follow all current isolation protocols. Currently, positive COVID cases will be excluded from school until at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset date (or date of specimen collection from the positive test if asymptomatic).
- Students who are COVID positive may generally return to school on day 6 after testing positive.
- Individual students who are absent from class will be counted as absent. They can request work to be sent home.
- In the event that a whole classroom or whole school is placed on adaptive pause per recommendation of the local health department, remote instruction will be provided.
- Students who are COVID positive may generally return to school on Day 6 after testing positive, and will be required to wear a mask for days 6-10. If unable to mask, the student will isolate for a full 10 days. No negative test is required to return to school.

What to do when a staff member has symptoms or is COVID positive
- Contact covid@sased.org and your administrator. If positive, send your positive test result to covid@sased.org.
- Enter Sick>Sick Day into AESOP/Frontline. Write COVID symptoms or COVID positive in the Notes section of the absence. Check out the information on this document - SASED COVID Reporting & Action Steps
- Positive COVID cases will be excluded from school/work until at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset date (or date of specimen collection from the positive test if asymptomatic), they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, 24 hours from diarrhea or vomiting ceasing, and their other symptoms, such

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as sore throat or cough have improved, and they continue to wear a mask around others for five more days.
- Staff who are COVID positive are expected to return to work masked days 6-10. A negative test is not required to return.
- Staff will receive up to 5 COVID sick days if fully vaccinated.

Close Contacts

Where a positive COVID case is identified at school, a low risk notification will be given by the program administrator/supervisor. Notification may be by phone, text, or email. Nurses will notify affected classrooms for positive student cases.

It is recommended that regardless of vaccination status, all close contacts should monitor for symptoms and wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days after the last close contact and get tested on day 5.

Refer to the current CDC Isolation & Precautions for People with COVID-19 to determine isolation and other requirements.

If a close contact develops any COVID-19 symptoms, they should isolate, get tested immediately, and continue to isolate if they test positive.

See also SASED COVID Reporting & Action Steps

CDC Isolation & Precautions for People with COVID-19

Remote Learning
- Individual students who are absent from class will be counted as absent. They can request work to be sent home, but remote learning will not be provided.
- In the event that a whole classroom or whole school is placed on adaptive pause per recommendation of the local health department, remote instruction will be provided.

CDC
- COVID-19 Community Levels & Suggested Mitigation Strategies by Level
- CDC Isolation & Precautions for People with COVID-19
- CDC school guidance
- Frequently Asked Questions for K-12 and Early Care and Education (ECE) Settings: Information for School and ECE Administrators, Teachers, Staff, and Parents

ISBE/IDPH
- IDPH COVID Outbreak Reporting for Non-High-Risk Settings - effective 1/1/23
- IDPH & ISBE Joint Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools
- COVID Interim Guidance for Schools: Decision Tree Recommendations
- Illinois Control of Communicable Diseases Code
- State Superintendent's Updated In-Person Learning Declaration

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