

DISTRICT 65 HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING

MITIGATION MEASURES TO PROTECT AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

In re-opening for in-person learning, all D65 buildings will adhere to health and safety measures recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education.



ENTRY

- ✓ Completion of Daily Health Certification by Students and Staff (monitoring symptoms of illness and COVID-19 exposure)
- ✓ Temperature Check and Symptom Screening (if certification was not completed)
- ✓ Face coverings required for entry
- ✓ Reduced congestion through multiple entry points
- ✓ Handwashing or sanitizing upon arrival



PPE

- ✓ All occupants will be required to wear face coverings
 - ✓ Masks should fit snugly over the nose and mouth and cloth masks should be at least two layers thick
 - ✓ Students and staff should wear a mask to school and have a clean, spare one
- ✓ Disposable masks will be provided to students or staff who do not have one
- ✓ Transparent face coverings (for educators whose students rely on visual cues)
- ✓ Additional PPE (masks, goggles, gloves, face shields, disposable gowns) for staff where physical distancing cannot be maintained or in working with students who cannot wear face masks; available for custodians cleaning buildings



SOCIAL DISTANCING

- ✓ Reduced in-person class sizes to allow for social distancing
- ✓ Socially distant spacing of student desks with markings on the floor in case they are moved from the original position
- ✓ Plexiglass partitions installed on tables where physical distancing is not possible
- ✓ Social distancing markers in hallways (at least six feet of space)
- ✓ Occupancy limits established and posted in all spaces
- ✓ Lockers will not be used
- ✓ Strict social distancing (minimum of 6 ft) enforced when individuals cannot wear masks (e.g., eating)



INSTRUCTION

- ✓ AM/PM schedules in K-5 with classroom cleanings in between sessions
- ✓ Educators will change classrooms in grades 6-8 rather than students to limit contact (students will move to another space for PE)
- ✓ Limited to no sharing of instructional materials/technology
- ✓ Students assigned to desks; desk will be cleaned nightly
- ✓ Students should bring their fully charged devices to school daily and instructional materials as requested by educators
- ✓ When the weather allows, use of outdoor space for learning



FACILITIES

- ✓ Hand sanitizer stations throughout buildings
- ✓ Sanitizer and disinfectant in all classrooms and common spaces
- ✓ Signage to remind of hygiene practices and social distancing
- ✓ Ventilation upgrades (MERV 8 or 10 rating, air filters upgraded to pleated MERV-8, increased outside airflow, HEPA filters in areas with limited airflow)
- ✓ Restroom stalls marked for social distancing; plexiglass barriers installed between sinks & urinals
- ✓ Water Fountains Decommissioned (bottle filling stations available)
- ✓ Hallways and stairways designated as one-way or directionals marked to ensure traffic flow
- ✓ Hallways include social distancing markers
- ✓ Occupancy limits established in accordance with social distancing guidelines
- ✓ Isolation rooms identified (separate from Health Office) if individuals are displaying COVID-19 symptoms while awaiting pick-up
- ✓ Students will be provided with individual storage bins for personal belongings
- ✓ Windows may be opened at times throughout the day to increase ventilation; especially during lunchtime
- ✓ D65 playgrounds must not be used outside of school hours



CLEANING PROCEDURES

- ✓ Increased daily cleaning protocols will be in effect at all facilities, in accordance with CDC and OSHA guidelines.
- ✓ Increased sanitizing of commonly touched surfaces such as doorknobs, railings, sinks, countertops, etc.
- ✓ Electrostatic cleaning of restrooms, carpets, and other surfaces
- ✓ Disinfectant available in all classrooms for cleaning as needed



ADDITIONAL MITIGATION MEASURES

- ✓ No gatherings greater than those allowed by current IDPH guidelines
- ✓ Limited visitors allowed in buildings; no classroom volunteers
- ✓ No meetings or use of D65 facilities by outside groups, unless approved by the Superintendent



HEALTH MEASURES

- ✓ Those who are sick must stay home!
- ✓ Flexible attendance policy to encourage sick individuals to stay home
- ✓ Supervised isolation rooms for students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and awaiting pick-up (separate from Health Clerk's Office)
- ✓ Contact tracing protocols with local health depts for positive COVID-19 cases
- ✓ COVID-19 Dashboard for confirmed COVID-19 cases in D65 schools
- ✓ Quarantine and closures to be determined in conjunction with the health department in alignment with the Illinois Department of Public Health
- ✓ Notification of site-based positive COVID-19 cases to close contacts and the general community in conjunction with the Health Department
- ✓ District-wide support of vaccine distribution process with local health departments



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