

Steger School District 194

Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year

The following items run as normal before Covid-19

- Student school day resumes back to regular full days and hours 7:50 a.m./8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday early dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
- Attendance is taken daily
- Grades will be based on the district's traditional grading procedures
- Staff can resume normal lunch/break operations
- Access to school buildings for students, parents, and staff.
 - Logging all visitors into the building as normal.

Mask

Illinois Governor's Executive Order Number 18 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER no. 85) effective 8/4/2021

Requires that masks be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to P-12 schools, who are over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering, regardless of vaccination status. (Signage will be posted)

Transportation

Masks are required at all times for all individuals while on the school bus. This CDC order applies to all public transportation systems including public school buses.

Lunch - Food Service

Maintain as much physical distancing as possible, at all times. We will utilize space to the maximum with the cafeteria, stage, and outside areas at each building.

No longer need to pack separate meals/bags

No longer need to use single-use items (i.e., plates, utensils, cups, trays)

No need to limit food service approach

Social Distancing

Three feet of social distancing, or less, to ensure that all students have access to in-person learning.

Cleaning & Disinfecting

We will follow the same guidelines put in place last year for extra cleaning and disinfecting. The district will increase the frequency of its cleaning and disinfecting to reduce the risk of exposure. The custodial staff will receive and follow training on recommended cleaning and disinfecting techniques following the CDC and OSHA guidelines.

The daily cleaning and disinfecting routine will include the following:

- High touch areas (door handles, light switches, pencil sharpeners, keyboards, hands-on learning materials, sinks, faucets, toilets, etc.)
- Non-high touch areas will be cleaned and disinfected each night
- An electro-static sprayer with disinfecting solution will be used to disinfect all surfaces nightly
- Disinfectant supplies will be distributed to each teacher for use as needed

Ventilation

Air handlers are set to replace inside air with outside air 4-5 times per hour. Air filters were upgraded to MERV 15 where possible (MERV 13 or higher is recommended by CDC)

Restrooms

Restrooms should be assigned to classrooms to ease contact tracing.

Restroom breaks should be scheduled to maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible.

Signage promoting hand hygiene will be posted in every restroom.

Drinking Fountains

All drinking fountains will be turned off / closed until further notice.

Steger Primary Center and Steger Intermediate Center drinking fountains with bottle fillers will remain available for filling reusable water bottles.

Columbia Central will have access to drinking water for filling reusable water bottles.

Physical Education Class – Locker Room

Indoor Activities - Individuals aged two years and older who can medically tolerate a mask, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask and maintain physical distancing to the extent possible.

Outdoor Activities - Regardless of vaccination status, individuals may engage in activities without wearing a mask for all outdoor activities.

Sports and Extracurricular Activities

Athletics will follow IDPH, ISBE, IHSA, and IESA sports guidance.

Indoor Sports: Individuals aged two years and older who can medically tolerate a mask, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask and maintain physical distancing to the extent possible. All spectators must wear a mask if the event is held indoors in a public or nonpublic P-12 school setting.

Outdoor Sports: Regardless of vaccination status, individuals may engage in training, competition, and other active exercise without wearing a mask for all sports played outdoors, except where required by laws, rules, or regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Spectators who are not fully vaccinated should wear a mask in attendance at outdoor youth sports events if unable to maintain recommended physical distance of at least 6 feet from non-household members or if the event is held in a community with substantial to high transmission.

Home Instruction

No more simultaneous instruction

Students under Quarantine

- Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to [105 ILCS 5/10-30](#) and [105 ILCS 5/34-18.66](#), **remote instruction can be made available for students who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine or who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, only while they are under quarantine consistent with guidance or requirements from a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.**
- Students will access work through Google Classroom
- Students will attend scheduled online classes (2.5 hours a week)
- Arrangements will be made for families/parents to pick up materials

Students under Health Condition

- Remote Learning Application COVID19 related due by Thursday, July 29, 2021.
- Remote Learning Applications available upon request.

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