



TALK205

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

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Welcome to Talk205, the weekly newsletter for Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205, designed to communicate timely information of interest to parents and the community, such as District 205 news and initiatives, student and staff accomplishments.

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Daily Student Health Self-Certification Process Required

As we begin to welcome our students back to in-person learning, the District has implemented a new safety measure that requires parent/guardian attention. A primary safety effort that is part of our [Open D205](#) plan is to certify student health information every day.

This request is being asked of all D205 faculty, staff and families to complete. We need parents/guardians to complete our daily “certification” process prior to their child attempting to enter the school building each day. Please [see our steps to complete the health certification process](#) and [watch our 1:47 video tutorial](#) to learn how. The certification process is quick (less than 20 seconds per child) and the system is available now for parents/guardians to login and practice the health certification process.

D205 and Elmhurst Park Department Offering Club Ed ELearning Program for EC-5

The start of the school year has been stressful for many families as parents

struggle to balance work with remote and hybrid learning. Staff at the Elmhurst Park District and Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 have been working behind the scenes for weeks to come up with the best solution to help as many families as possible during this tough transition.

Club Ed. is slated to start on Monday, September 21 and will be held Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The weekly cost will be \$315 per child. Online registration will be held at 9:00 am on Thursday, September 10 at epd.org.

More information is available on the [D205 website](#)

D205 and Community Meal Programs

Breakfast and lunch options are now available for purchase for all D205 students during the remote learning period through the PushCoin Webstore! Meals may now be ordered on a weekly basis and may be picked up on the following [schedule](#):

COVID-19 Safety Precautions in D205 Video

Please view our special [COVID-19 health and safety video](#), featuring D205 Facilities Department Director Todd Schmidt, to see the precautions and measures the district has taken to prepare for in-person learning and soon as safely possible.

More details on our safety precautions can be found in the Open D205 section of our website, [here](#).

Free Internet/WiFi Services:

- Comcast Internet Essentials Is Free to New Customers: Low income families who live in a Comcast service area may sign-up for Internet Essentials with 60 days of complimentary service (normally available to all qualified households for \$9.95/month).
- **See internetessentials.com or es.internetessentials.com, or call 1-855-8-INTERNET.**
- Comcast Xfinity WiFi Is Free For Everyone: Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country are available to anyone for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi. Once at a hotspot, select the “xfinitywifi” network name in the list of available hotspots, and then launch a browser.
- AT&T is expanding “Access from AT&T,” our low-cost home internet offering to qualifying households AT&T will continue to offer internet access for qualifying limited income households at \$10 a month

through our Access from AT&T program. [Click here for more information. PDF Download](#)

- Illinois state agencies released a wi-fi [hotspot map](#) to help students across the state who lack internet access in their homes. The wi-fi map has at least 200 hotspots students can use to complete coursework. Students and their parents or guardians should continue to practice social distancing by remaining in their cars while utilizing the hotspots. If a student or caretaker is sick or experiencing symptoms, they should remain at home.

Virtual Backpack

Looking for non-profit, community activities or information that is fun and educational for students, checkout the D205 [Virtual Backpack](#) page.