



KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20

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Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

Since last year, District 20 has prioritized the health and safety of the school community, as well as academic rigor, social emotional support, and relationship-building as the goals shared by the Board of Education and Administration in the development and implementation of the D20 Return to Learn Plan. The purpose of this letter is to share with you the **D20 Return to 100% In-Person Learning Plan** for the start of the 2021-22 school year. [District 20's Plan](#) was presented tonight at a Special Board Meeting and is available here for your review. Additional information including the presentation video will be shared on the "[Return to Learn](#)" tab of our website.

We have reviewed all current information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) ([7/9/2021](#) + [7/27/2021](#)), Illinois Department of Public Health ([IDPH](#)) ([7/9/2021](#) + [7/27/2021](#)), Illinois State Board of Education ([ISBE](#)), and DuPage County Health Department ([DCHD](#)) ([7/20/21](#)). We have also reviewed information from the other Lake Park High School feeder districts. In consultation with the Keeneyville District 20 Board of Education, District 20 will implement the following mitigation strategies to allow us to return safely to 100% in-person learning:

Layered Mitigation Strategies:

1. **Vaccinations:** We will continue to encourage families and staff in consultation with their health care provider to take advantage of the vaccination appointments available.
2. **Face Masks:** We will require face masks for all individuals (age 2 and older) inside District 20 school buildings, regardless of vaccination status. This will apply to all teachers, staff, students, and visitors.
 - Face mask breaks will be provided during snack, lunch, recess, and at other times during the school day, when possible.
 - All students and adults are required to wear a face mask while riding on the bus, regardless of vaccination status.
 - Face masks do not need to be worn outside.
3. **Physical Distancing:** We will maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between individuals within classrooms, as much as possible.
4. **Handwashing & Cleaning:** We will maintain protocols for cleaning, disinfecting, handwashing, and respiratory etiquette.
5. **Contact Tracing & Quarantine:** We will contract trace at 3 feet when wearing masks and require quarantine for individuals who are identified as close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case. Individuals who are vaccinated and masked will not be required to quarantine.

In developing and implementing our Return to Learn Plan through the pandemic, District 20 has followed a consistent process in reviewing the guidelines issued by regulatory agencies (CDC, IDPH, ISBE, and DCHD) as well as monitoring the local transmission and vaccine rates. Our decisions and the process have not always been easy, and modifications may be necessary at times during the school year to allow for safe, in-person instruction for our students. At each step in the process, the Board of Education and Administration have remained focused on ensuring the safety of students and staff, as well as providing academic rigor, social emotional support, and opportunities for relationship-building.

It is important to note that this Return to 100% In-Person Learning Plan is based on the guidelines and information that we have today. We will continue to monitor and evaluate our plan and mitigation strategies, making changes as required as necessary in following updated guidelines or information, local health metrics, vaccination rates, and the availability of a pediatric vaccine for COVID-19.

Together with the D20 Board of Education, Staff, Students and Families, Keeneyville School District 20 has been successful with the work accomplished over the past year and a half. We were one of the few school districts to safely provide in-person learning for over 95% of our students last Spring. ***The ultimate goal for the 2021-2022 school year is to welcome back 100% of our students to in-person learning and continue to keep children in school every day; healthy in every way.***

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email info@esd20.org or reach out directly to me or your school.

Sincerely,

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