



# COOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 130



## RETURN to SCHOOL – Fall 2021

**“All schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days.”**

–Dr. Carmen Ayala, Illinois State Superintendent of Education



### Safety, Health & Well-being

Layered procedures and protocols prepared to bring students back to our buildings full-time



### Reimagining Teaching & Learning

Identify critical content to maximize academic recovery and support social-emotional growth



### Sustainability of Return Plan

Ensure minimal disruption to educational services due to impacts of COVID-19 in schools

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) fully adopted the updated [COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#) guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Major updates as applied to Cook County School District 130 will include:



**Vaccination encouraged, not required**  
The CDC strongly [encourages vaccination](#) as the best way to protect against the spread of COVID-19. Vaccinations are now available for individuals who are 12 years of age and older.



**Physical Distancing**  
Schools are encouraged to set all classrooms, lunchrooms, and other indoor spaces to keep students at least 3 feet apart. If this is not possible, additional precautions will be applied.



**Masks still required indoors**  
Because we are working with many children who are not eligible for vaccines, everyone must [properly wear masks](#) indoors and on buses – regardless of vaccination status.



**Screening testing**  
To reduce transmission, [screening](#) for symptoms will continue to be conducted daily. Students, teachers, and staff should [stay home when sick](#) and refer to their healthcare provider for care.



### Layered Prevention Strategies

[Handwashing and hygiene](#), respiratory etiquette, daily [cleaning and disinfecting](#) routines, quarantining, and [contact tracing](#) are combined to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community.



Our schools across Cook County School District 130 will have a mixed population of people who are fully vaccinated and those who are not fully vaccinated. [The Cook County School District COVID-19 prevention strategies](#) remain critical to protect all students, teachers, and staff.

## Ongoing Monitoring

Cook County School District 130 takes guidance from its local public health officials regarding additional mitigations as these agencies [monitor levels](#) of:

- Community transmission rates and trends
- Vaccination coverage



### Remote Instruction is available if:

a student is under quarantine that is consistent with guidance from the Cook County Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Public Health **AND** the student is **NOT FULLY VACCINATED**.

Remote instruction will also be used in case of any school closings due to COVID-19.

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