

# L.E.A.S.E RESOLUTION REGARDING ISBE/IDPH/CDC COVID GUIDANCE

August 10, 2021

## FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION IN K-12 SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2021 the ISBE/IDPH formally adopted the CDC guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools.

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2021 the ISBE informed all Illinois schools to use the updated CDC guidance to start the 2021-22 school year.

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2021 the ISBE passed a resolution stating that all schools statewide must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days and limit remote learning to only those students under a quarantine order by a local public health department or the IDPH.

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools wear a mask while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance states that students and staff are not required to wear masks outdoors.

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance recommends that schools should work with local public health officials to determine the prevention strategies needed in their area by monitoring levels of community transmission, local vaccine coverage, and the use of screening to detect cases.

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance states, "Regardless of mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems."

WHEREAS, L.E.A.S.E. believes that all students should have the opportunity to receive in-person learning in the least restrictive environment that maximizes their academic, physical, and mental health.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the L.E.A.S.E Executive Committee that in accordance with CDC guidance, the following recommendations are adopted for the 2021-2022 school year.

1. All students will be provided a full day of in-person instruction.
2. Mask usage will be required for all individuals.
3. L.E.A.S.E employees will be asked to disclose their vaccination status to the Executive Director to avoid a mandatory quarantine for close contact with a COVID-positive person. If vaccination status is not disclosed the individual will be considered an individual not fully vaccinated.

4. Masks will be required for all students/staff while on a school bus and L.E.A.S.E. transportation.

5. Students required to quarantine will be given the opportunity to make up work missed due to absences. According to the CDC guidance all individuals over the age of 12 are vaccine eligible and not remote learning eligible.

6. L.E.A.S.E. will continue with other health and safety prevention strategies such as:

- social distancing of at least 3 feet
- mask wearing for all individuals
- health screenings daily for COVID symptoms for all Circuit Breaker Students
- mandatory quarantines for COVID-positive students and staff
- mandatory quarantines for unvaccinated individuals in close contact with a COVID-positive person
- encouraging and practicing proper hand and respiratory hygiene
- practicing proper cleaning and disinfection of learning spaces
- in accordance with CDC guidance, age eligible students (currently age 12 and older) are encouraged to receive a COVID-19 vaccine

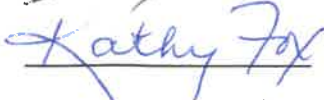
7. Alliance will continuously monitor district and local health data and consult with local public health officials. This health data will be periodically reported to the Executive Committee, Alliance and Circuit Breaker parents/guardians. Additionally, future circumstances could dictate necessary and prudent mitigation changes that will be implemented in coordination with county health departments and current local assessments.

8. Should local health data require increased mitigations (i.e. mask mandate, increased social distancing, changes in lunch service, remote learning, etc.) the Alliance will not hesitate to make such changes to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff.

PASSED this 10 day of August, 2021



Alliance Chairman



Alliance Secretary

Voting No: 0

Voting

Yes: 4

Abstaining: 0