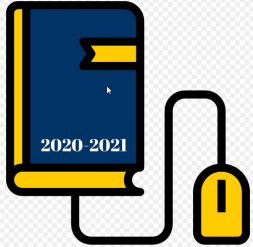
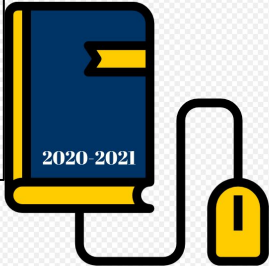


Update on 2021-2022 Back To School Plan



Back to School in U-46



De Regreso a Clases en U-46

May 17, 2021

Concluding the 2020-2021 Year

The CDC guidance states that schools should continue to use the current COVID-19 prevention strategies for the 2020-2021 year.

Summary of Recent Changes

Updates as of May 15, 2021

- CDC recommends schools continue to use the current COVID-19 prevention strategies for the 2020-2021 school year.

[View Previous Updates](#)

Key Points

1. Evidence suggests that many K-12 schools that have strictly implemented prevention strategies have been able to safely open for in-person instruction and remain open.
2. CDC's K-12 operational strategy presents a pathway for schools to provide in-person instruction safely through consistent use of prevention strategies, including universal and correct use of masks and physical distancing.
3. All schools should implement and layer prevention strategies and should prioritize universal and correct use of masks and physical distancing.
4. Testing to identify individuals with SARS-CoV-2 infection and vaccination for teachers and staff provide additional layers of COVID-19 protection in schools.

May 14 ISBE Declaration

Illinois State Superintendent of Education Carmen Ayala is recommending the State Board of Education vote to approve her declaration: “Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, provided that ... remote instruction be made available for students who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine and are under a quarantine order by a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.”

Safe Return to All In-Person Instruction

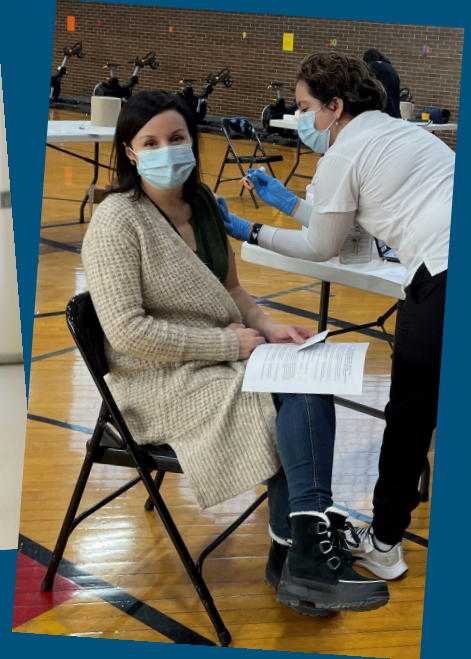
Mitigation Strategies:

1. Universal mask wearing
2. Social distancing observed as much as possible and per guidance
3. Contact tracing
4. Increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfection
5. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
6. Self-Certification per guidance
7. Occupancy restrictions per guidance



Additional Mitigation Strategies

1. Testing - Binax Now/CLIA Waiver approved. Available now.
2. Vaccinations



In-Person Instructional Model Updates

- Students return for full-day instruction beginning August 16, 2021.
- A/B day designations are eliminated.



In-Person Updates Continued

- Approximately 36,000 students PreK - Transition are expected to return for in-person instruction
 - Professional Development Sessions - Focused on Standards Based Learning and Assessment, Core Instruction and Instructional Leadership
 - Classroom structures
 - Planning: curriculum, resources, strategies



In-Person Updates Continued

- Implement in-person lunch across 57 sites
- Arrange, rearrange, measure and measure again almost all facilities and learning spaces
- Update technology in all classrooms



Next Steps

May

- Waiting for clarification from ISBE concerning what options may or may not exist for Distance Learning for the 2021-2022 school year.
- May 19 ISBE scheduled board meeting to vote on the declaration
- Consider May 24 for a possible optional Board meeting based on guidance received from ISBE

June

- Finalize staffing, scheduling and professional development

