



Reopening Updates

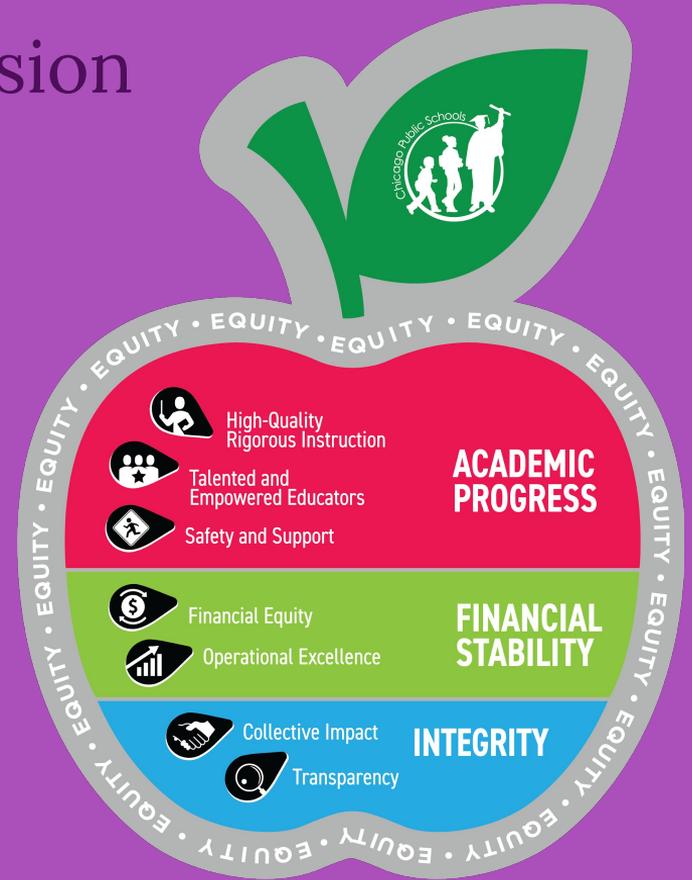
School Community Presentation



Reopening school is an issue of equity

Grounded in Our Collective Vision

- Equity is a moral imperative, and the district is focused on equitably responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Students enrolled in pre-k and moderate and intensive cluster programs are currently scheduled to return to in-person learning on January 11, 2021. Staff will come back on January 4.
- K-8 students are scheduled to return to in-person learning on February 1, 2021 and staff will come back on January 25.



Timeline for Returning to In-Person Learning

Date	Activity	School Activity	Teacher Activity	Family Activity
Nov. 23	<p>Intent-to-return form sent to teachers</p> <p>Opt-in form sent to students in pre-K-8</p>	Reach out to families to ensure completion of opt-in form	Submit intent-to-return form	Families who responded to October survey do not need to resubmit their preferences if their preferences have not changed
Nov. 24	<p>Reopening Guide for Schools released</p> <p>Reopening Guide for Parents released</p>	Read Reopening Guidance	Read Reopening Guidance	Submit opt-in form
Dec. 7	Pre-k and cluster staff who applied for accommodations will receive final notification	Begin planning pre-k and cluster grade level return models, teacher assignments, and class rosters	Intent-to-return form deadline	Opt-in form submission deadline

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Week of Dec. 14	<p>Schools will receive staff intent-to-return and K-8 opt-in results</p> <p>Additional scheduling, podding, staffing guidance, models, and tools released</p>	<p>Begin planning K-8 grade level return models, teacher assignments, and class rosters</p>		
Dec. 18		<p>Share teaching assignments and initial rosters with pre-k and cluster teachers; share classroom assignments with parents of students in pre-k and cluster programs</p>		
Dec. 21	<p>Additional instructional guidance released based on educator feedback and engagement</p>			

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Jan. 4			Pre-k and cluster program staff return	
Jan. 8			Share overview of daily schedules with families	
Jan. 11		Schools share teaching assignments and initial rosters with K-8 teachers		Pre-k and cluster program students return
Jan. 18		Share classroom assignments and in-person instruction days with K-8 parents.		

Timeline for Returning to In-Person Learning

Date	Activity	School Activity	Teacher Activity	Family Activity
Jan. 25			K-8 staff return	
Jan. 29			Teachers share with families an overview of student daily schedules	
Feb. 1				K-8 students return

We will make a plan that works best for our community.

Our school's reopening plan will adhere to the following tenets:

- We will follow the comprehensive health and safety protocols CPS developed in coordination with the Chicago Department of Public Health.
- We will provide families with a choice to receive in-person or at-home instruction.
- We will provide daily instruction to all students, at home or in person, in accordance with instructional time requirements.



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Based on the results of family preferences, we will create a reopening plan for our school that specifies:

- Each student's learning preference: in-person or at-home
- Each teacher's classroom assignment
- Each student's classroom assignment
- Daily schedules for fully in-person, hybrid, and remote students



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Our school will have flexibility in planning:

- Teacher assignments
- Student classroom assignments

This means that in order to ensure students receive instruction in their preferred learning environment, schools may assign students to different homerooms and teachers.

We will share final classroom assignments with families of students in pre-k and cluster programs on December 18 and K-8 families on January 18.



In-Person and Remote Learning Schedules: Pre-k

Program/ Grades	Learning Model	Schedule
Pre-k	Full day in-person	7 hours per day 5 days per week
	Half day in-person	2.5 hours per day 5 days per week <i>Third shift programs will remain virtual</i>
	Tuition-based in-person	10 hours per day 5 days per week
	Remote	60 minutes of real-time instruction 90 minutes of independent learning

In-Person and Remote Learning Schedules: Cluster

Program/ Grades	Learning Model	Schedule
Cluster programs	Elementary school in-person	7 hours per day 5 days per week
	High school in-person	Daily minutes according to school bell schedule 5 days per week
	Remote	150 minutes of real-time instruction 210 minutes of independent learning activities

In-Person and Remote Learning Schedules: K-8 Hybrid

Program/ Grades	Learning Model	Schedule
K-8 hybrid	<p>In-person</p> <p><i>Shift A: Monday and Tuesday in person and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at home</i></p> <p><i>Shift B: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at home and Thursday and Friday at school)</i></p> <p><i>*Schools are being directed to place students from the same household in the same shift.</i></p>	<p>In school days: 7 hours per day, 2 days per week</p> <p>At-home days: 150 minutes of real-time instruction and 210 minutes of independent learning activities</p> <p>Wednesdays: 180 minutes of real-time instruction and 180 minutes of independent learning activities</p>
	Remote	<p>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 150 minutes of real-time instruction and 210 minutes of independent learning activities</p> <p>Wednesday: 180 minutes of real time instruction and 180 minutes of independent learning activities</p>

Grading and Attendance

Teachers will continue taking attendance at the beginning of each day for both children learning at home and at school. If your child is learning remotely, their attendance will be taken at the start of real-time instruction.

Following guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education, our school is also continuing with our regular grading practices. All students should continue to complete all of their assignments.

Testing Administration

- Selective enrollment testing will continue as planned over the course of a number of weekends from November to the end of January.
- Students in sixth, seventh, or eighth grades submitting applications for academic centers or selective enrollment high schools will have the opportunity to sit for the winter (MOY) NWEA MAP Growth exam at their home schools during the week of January 11–15, 2021.

Chicago's Stay-at-Home Advisory and Our School

- Data and experience in other school districts shows that schools and daycare centers can be safe when health and safety protocols are followed
- In addition, schools that are open and following health and safety protocols have not been found as major centers of transmission of the virus, especially for students
- Given this evidence and the importance of the services provided at schools and daycare centers, Chicago's stay-at-home advisory, which began on Nov. 16, says that schools and daycares can remain open during this time

Schoolchildren Seem Unlikely to Fuel Coronavirus Surges, Scientists Say

Researchers once feared that school reopenings might spread the virus through communities. But so far there is little evidence that it's happening.



Lessons From Europe, Where Cases Are Rising But Schools Are Open

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Our Collective Commitment to Keep Everyone Safe

To keep our students and staff safe, our school will be following the below protocols CPS developed with public health officials:

- **Face Coverings:** Cloth face coverings will be provided to all staff and students and required at all times, except when eating and a small number of additional approved activities.
- **Pods:** Students and educators will be grouped into stable pods or small class sizes to minimize exposure to other students, allow for social distancing in classrooms, and support contact tracing.
- **Daily Screenings:** Daily risk and symptom screening, and temperature checks are required for all students and staff learning or working in school buildings.
- **All students must observe social distance of at least six feet whenever possible**
- **All students must wash or sanitize their hands frequently and thoroughly. Soap, water, and hand sanitizer are readily available throughout our building**

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Parents and guardians may request a cloth face covering accommodation for their child based on a specific medical condition.

Please have the Cloth Face Covering (CFC) Accommodation form (also located on page 10 of the Reopening Guide for Parents) completed by a medical professional, and provide the completed form to your child's principal or school nurse. Each situation will be evaluated individually to ensure the needs of all students are met.

Contact Tracing

When someone reports a positive COVID-19 test to the district, a team member from the Office of Student Health and Wellness quickly interviews this individual, notifies any close contacts that they must quarantine, and helps send out a community notification when needed. If there is a positive COVID-19 case within a pod, all members of that pod will be notified and asked to quarantine.

Contact tracing is extremely important, so any student, staff, or visitor who tests positive for COVID-19 should promptly report to cps.edu/covidresults

- Families can reach out to contacttracing@cps.edu with questions
- The district will not act on second party reports, speculation, rumors, or anything other than self reporters who consent to share their confidential, legally-protected health information

To ensure public awareness, the district is tracking confirmed COVID cases at cps.edu/reopening2020.

New COVID-19 testing protocols are being developed

- CPS collaborates with CDPH on surveillance testing plan (measures prevalence among ASYMPTOMATIC people)
- School-based staff members will be tested regularly through a program that will launch in time for the return of in-person learning



Ensuring Health and Safety at Schools

Sanitizer and Soap: Placed hand sanitizer dispensers in all high-traffic areas and soap to support regular hand washing and sanitizing. The district has invested over \$3.5 million to secure over 50,000 hand sanitizer and soap dispensers

Disinfectant Wipes: Provided EPA approved disinfectant wipes for classrooms, offices and other high-touch areas to support our high-touch cleaning program. The district invested over \$2 million to purchase 86,000 containers of wipes



Ensuring Health and Safety at Schools (cont.)

Hospital-Grade Disinfectant Sprayers: Every CPS school has a hospital-grade mister spray unit that will evenly apply EPA-approved disinfectant for maximum disinfection

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Staff will be provided with PPE including face shields, gowns, gloves, and N95-level masks as needed based on job tasks

Sneeze Guards and Signage: Installed sneeze guards and other physical barriers to protect staff when visitors arrive, and posted signage throughout school facilities to emphasize new policies and procedures

Supplies: Shared supplies will be limited as much as possible and regularly cleaned. Any supplies that have been contaminated by student bodily fluids will be immediately disinfected

Ensuring Health and Safety at Schools (cont.)

- **Ventilation Assessment:** To ensure school buildings are safe for students and staff, the district worked to ensure every classroom has a working window or a mechanical ventilation system to dilute air particles that may have viruses or bacteria and allow old air to move out of the classroom. Based on the district's assessment, over 99 percent of classrooms are ready for students and staff.
- **Indoor Air Quality:** The district also hired independent state-certified environmental specialists to conduct indoor air quality assessments, who determined that all schools are acceptable to welcome returning students and staff.



Ensuring Health and Safety at Schools (cont.)

- **Additional Staff:** To assist with each school's enhanced cleaning and disinfecting program, CPS will hire 400 new custodians as we ramp up reopening.
- **HEPA Air Purifiers:** To date, the district has distributed 1,193 HEPA air purifier units to schools for occupied spaces, such as the main office and Learning Hub classrooms. Additional units will be distributed.



Stakeholder Engagement

- Outreach: FACE will continue to call families to ensure they are well informed of critical decision points. To date, FACE has conducted over 50,000 calls to CPS households.
- Training: FACE will continue to provide virtual Parent University programming through the FACE2FACE program. Webinars will include experts in early childhood, facilities and health and wellness to help prepare families and address any concerns they may have.
 - Register to find out more about these opportunities here: [www. bit.ly/FACEPARENT](http://www.bit.ly/FACEPARENT)
 - View previous virtual webinars you may have missed here: bit.ly/FACEYOUTUBE
- School Support: FACE staff is on call to support school communities. If your family needs additional support, please email FamilyServices@CPS.EDU.



Next Steps

- Complete your child's opt-in/opt-out form via the email you received on Monday, November 23, or reach out to your child's school administrators to share your preference by Thursday, December 7.
- Please note that families who selected in-person can switch to at-home learning at any time. After December 7, families who originally selected at-home learning cannot switch to in-person learning until the fourth quarter.
- For more resources, please review the [Reopening Guide for Parents](#), which you can find on cps.edu/reopening2020.



We need your help

Here's what you need to do to 'Protect Chicago' right now:

- Get back to the basics that we know work:
 - Wear your mask
 - Socially distance
 - Wash your hands frequently
- Adopt the new fundamentals that will help us bend the curve again:
 - Do not have guests over
 - Stay home unless you have to go out for essential reasons
 - Avoid travel
- Sign up to volunteer on the Protect Chicago digital team:
 - Use your personal social media networks to spread the word
 - Send text messages to fellow Chicagoans
 - Sign up to Volunteer



Q&A

Thank you!