



October 19, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Monday October 19, 2020, the DuPage County Health Department indicated that the level of COVID-19 transmission in DuPage County has shifted from moderate transmission (orange) to substantial transmission (red). The shift from moderate to substantial transmission status was triggered by an increase in the cases per 100,000 moving from 79 out of 100,000 to 119 out of 100,000 as shown below.

DuPage County COVID-19 School Metrics¹
DuPage County COVID-19 Community Transmission Level: SUBSTANTIAL
Week 41, 10/4/2020-10/10/2020

COVID-19 School Metric	Value	Trend	Community Transmission Level by Metric
Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) County-Level Risk Metric Color <small>Source: IDPH County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics</small>	Alert for one metric but remained BLUE (IDPH-defined) at any point in the last 4 weeks ²		Minimal
New Cases per 100,000 per Week ² <small>Source: IDPH County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics</small>	119 per 100,000 per week	 <small>Up from 79 per 100,000 in Week 40</small>	Substantial
Weekly Case Count Trend ³ <small>Source: IDPH COVID-19 County & School Metrics</small>	Week 39 to Week 40 = -5.0% Week 40 to Week 41 = +49.2%		<i>Criteria for increase for two consecutive weeks were not met.</i>
Weekly Youth (<20 years old) Case Count Trend ³ <small>Source: IDPH COVID-19 County & School Metrics</small>	Week 39 to Week 40 = -6.2% Week 40 to Week 41 = +13.2%		<i>Criteria for increase for two consecutive weeks were not met.</i>
Weekly Test Positivity ² <small>Source: IDPH COVID-19 County & School Metrics</small>	6.0%	 <small>Up from 4.5% in Week 40</small>	Moderate
Neighboring/Regional Indicator Level ⁴ <small>Source: IDPH County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics</small>	Neighboring county in orange once in the last 4 weeks		Minimal

Footnotes:

- ¹ Based on DuPage County Health Department "Return to School Framework" available at: www.dupagehealth.org/595/Schools-and-Daycares
- ² For Week 41 (10/4/2020-10/10/2020)
- ³ Weekly county case count trend for weeks 39-41 (9/20/2020-10/10/2020)
- ⁴ Increasing trend: any county turning orange in most recent week; Stable trend: any county in orange for second consecutive or more weeks; Decreasing trend: no county in orange this week but orange in the previous 3 weeks



Based on the change in community transmission status from moderate transmission to substantial transmission SASED will follow the guidance of the DuPage County Health Department COVID-19 School Metrics Guidance chart as provided below for substantial community transmission.

The DuPage County Health Department recommends each school district monitor the specific transmission levels within the immediate community (zip code) and within each individual school to determine the appropriateness of in-person learning. Decisions regarding in-person learning are made locally by each school district. SASED is in direct communication with our member districts regarding their plans based on substantial community transmission. SASED’s provision of in-person services considers:

- Safety for everyone
- Accessibility to our program and service locations
- Community transmission based on each school location
- Amount of school-based case activity
- Guidance from the DuPage County Health Department and Illinois Department of Public Health
- Ability to staff programs and services for in-person instruction and services
- IDPH Decision Tree for Isolation and Exclusion

This is a very complex and fluid situation. As of October 19, 2020, these are the plans for SASED and its member districts for the week of October 19, 2020 including its bearing on SASED programs and Services.

District	District Status as for the week of 10.19.2020	SASED Program Classroom Status week of October 19, 2019	SASED Service Status week of October 19, 2019.
Keeneyville 20	Maintain current in-person schedule.	No classrooms	Maintain current
Benjamin 25	Maintain current in-person schedule	Maintain current	Maintain current
West Chicago 33	West Chicago D33 will continue to serve self-contained students in person. Planning to bring back an additional 500 students October 27	No classrooms	Maintain current
Winfield 34	Maintain current	Maintain current	Maintain current
Villa Park 45	Maintain current	Maintain current	Maintain current
Salt Creek 48	If second week of substantial transmission status on 10.26.2020 will transition to two weeks of remoted learning	Maintain current this week, review on Friday	Maintain current this week, review on Friday
Downers Grove Elementary 58	Maintain current transition to in-person schedule	Maintain current	Maintain current

Maercker 60	Maintain current	Maintain current	Maintain current
Cass 63	Maintain current	Maintain current	Maintain current
Center Cass 66	Maintain current	Maintain current	Maintain current
Woodridge 68	Maintain current	Maintain current	Maintain current
DuPage High School 88	Maintain current	Pending update 10.20.2020	Pending update 10.20.2020
West Chicago High School 94	Maintain current	No classrooms	Maintain current
Downers Grove High School 99	Beginning Modified hybrid model 10.19.2020	No Classrooms	Continue transition to in-person services
Burr Ridge 180	Maintain current schedule	Maintain current	Maintain current
Westmont 201	Maintain current but awaiting update	Maintain current but awaiting update	Maintain current but awaiting update
Lisle 202	Continue with transition Hybrid model with about ½ of students in in attendance daily	No classrooms	Continue transition to in-person services
Elmhurst 205	October 20, 2021 district begin full remote instruction minimum 2 weeks	No classrooms	All related and itinerant services remote beginning 10.21.2020
SASED Southeast School	Maintain current in-person schedule	Maintain current	Maintain current
SASED Transition Program	Maintain current in-person schedule	Maintain current	Maintain current
SASED Project Search	Maintain current in-person schedule	Maintain current	Maintain current

Please continue to practice social distancing, mask wearing and frequent handwashing. Be sure to maintain your close contact log information and complete the daily self-certification for your child.

The Illinois Department of Public Health indicated that your students should stay home if ANY of the following symptoms are present:

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- New onset of moderate to severe headache
- Shortness of breath
- New cough
- Sore throat



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- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain from unknown cause
- New congestion/runny nose
- New loss of sense of taste or smell
- Nausea
- Fatigue from unknown cause
- Muscle or body aches

Medical evaluation and testing are strongly recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health for ALL Persons with COVID-Like Symptoms.

Updates to this information will be posted on the SASED website under SASED news on the main page as well as under the SASED guide to 2020-2021 page.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. McGuffin".

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