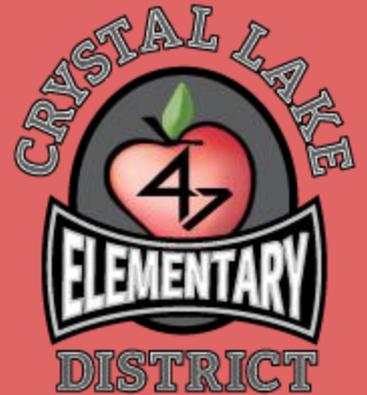


# Planning for 2021/22

June 21, 2021



# May 2021

ISBE passed a resolution  
supporting in-person  
learning for the 2021/22  
School Year

*“Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to [105 ILCS 5/10-30](#) and [105 ILCS 5/34-18.66](#), 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.”*

[FAQ Document on Resolution](#)



# How are we planning to open school in August?

As of today with the guidance that has been issued . . . .

We are planning to open school in line with the resolution issued by ISBE in May. We are preparing to have all students attend full-day in-person school/classes.



# How will we support students when we return to full in-person learning?

- Universal academic screening to identify learning gaps (FastBridge & MAP)
- SEL screeners to identify social-emotional needs/supports
- Implementation of SEL curriculum/strategies and dedicated SEL time
- Focus on core academic instruction in the classroom and supplement with intervention, as needed
- Continue mitigation strategies and protocols



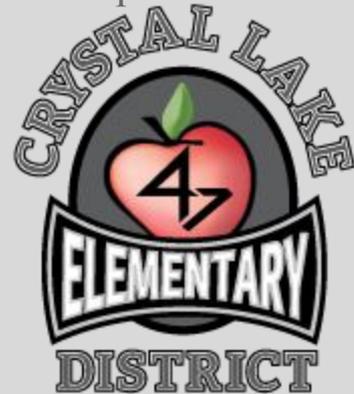
# ISBE Guidance at the Close of the 2020/21 School Year

(these are subject to change when IDPH/ISBE release fall 2021 guidance)

- Bus capacity at no more than 50 total occupants
- Daily self-certification required for all students, staff, and visitors
- Social distancing
  - 3 to 6 feet in the classrooms
  - 6 feet when masks are removed (i.e. lunch)
- Non-instructional room capacity limited to social distancing requirements

## Five Mandated Mitigation Strategies

1. Universal mask wearing
2. Social distancing at 6 feet to the greatest extent possible
3. Contact tracing and isolation practices
4. Schoolwide cleaning and disinfection
5. Frequent handwashing and sanitizing



# What Can Help Keep In-Person Instruction Going and Minimize Quarantines?

## Voluntary Screening Testing

IDPH is offering a screening testing program for schools to participate in, which has been approved by the State. The program:

- Identifies persons who are asymptomatic and without known or suspected exposure to SARS-CoV-2,
- Allows preventative measures to be put into place to prevent further transmission, and
- Allows districts to use a modified definition of close contact for those individuals participating.



# IDPH-Sponsored School Testing/Screening Options

## BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test

- Results in 15 minutes
- Free to schools
- School administered
  - Requires CLIA waiver
  - Requires standing doctor's order
  - Requires reporting of +/-

OR

## Shield-IL Saliva NAAT/PCR Test

- Results in 12-24 hours
- Free to tier 1 & 2 schools
- Reduced pricing for tier 3 & 4 schools
- Turnkey solution; just sign-up



# How Does the Modified Definition of Close Contact & Quarantine Work?

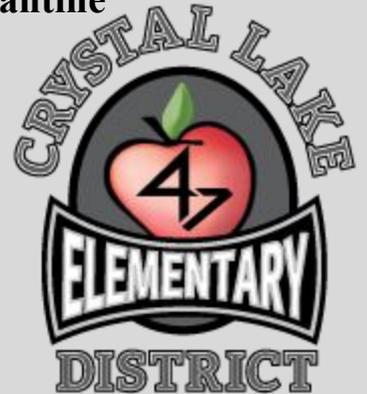
## Per State Guidelines

**Students who opt in to the screening testing program are eligible to have the modified close contact definition in the classroom setting applied when determining quarantine**

- Within 3 feet or less of a confirmed COVID-19 case for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period.

**Students who do not participate in the screening testing program and are not fully vaccinated follow the original close contact definition in all settings for quarantine**

- Within 6 feet or less of a confirmed COVID-19 case for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period.



# CDC Recommendations on School COVID-19 Testing Programs by Level of Community Transition

Indicator	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9	10-49	50-99	$\geq 100$
Percentage of laboratory tests that are positive during the past 7 days	$<5.0\%$	5.0%-7.9%	8.0%-9.9%	$\geq 10.0\%$

CDC as of 6/14/21 = 12.35  
IDPH as of 6/12/21 = 16

Screening Testing for teachers and staff; expanded screening testing of teachers and staff offered **at least once per week**

No screening testing for students

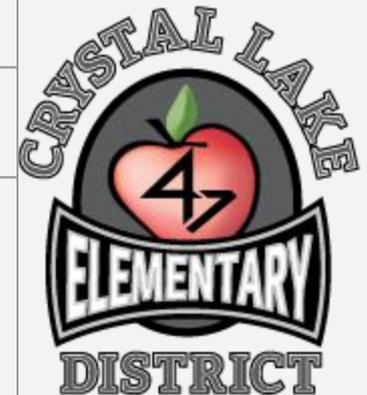
Screening testing for students; expanded screening testing of students offered **at least once per week**

Testing for high-risk sports; for schools conducting routine testing for sports; testing is recommended **at least once per week**

Testing for low & intermediate risk sports; for school conducting routine testing for sports; testing is recommended **at least once per week**

Testing for high-risk sports for schools conducting routine testing for sports; testing is recommended **twice per week**

Testing for low & intermediate-risk sports for schools conducting routine testing for sports; testing is recommended **at least once per week**



# Shield Illinois K-12 Partner List

- Acero Charter School
- Chicago Jesuit Academy
- District 4 - Champaign
- District 5 - Sterling
- District 21 - Wheeling/Buffalo Grove/Arlington Heights
- District 46 - Grayslake
- District 93 - Hillside
- District 101 - Western Springs
- District 109- Deerfield
- District 113 - Highland Park/Deerfield HS
- District 117 - Lake Villa
- District 124 - Grant HS
- District 158 - Huntley
- District 186 - Springfield
- District 187 - Cahokia
- District 189 - East St. Louis
- District 201 - Morton HS
- District 209 - Proviso Twp HS
- District 215 - Lansing
- District 300 - Algonquin
- District 365U -  
Romeoville-Bolingbrook
- Noble Network of Charter Schools



# Who will need to be quarantined (staff or students)?

## Unvaccinated Persons:

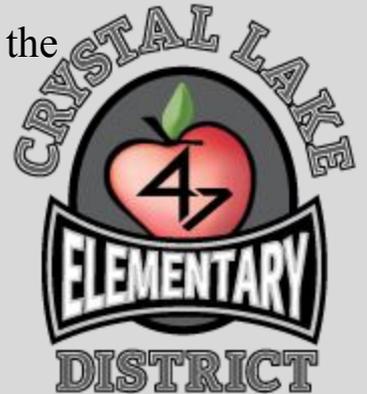
- **NOT** Participating in Screening Testing Who Are:
  - COVID positive
  - Symptomatic
  - Deemed a close contact (within 6-feet) and are asymptomatic or symptomatic

## Unvaccinated Persons:

- Participating in Screening Testing Who Are:
  - COVID positive
  - Symptomatic
  - Deemed a close contact with the modified definition (within 3-feet)

## Vaccinated Persons Who Are:

- COVID positive
- Symptomatic



# How will we support quarantined students?

The remote instruction used for quarantined students will be dependent upon the number of days quarantined and the availability of staff and resources.

Quarantine instruction could include:

- Independent learning with students completing assignments at home created by the child's teacher(s)
- \*\*Students remoting into the classroom during quarantine days from those teachers who volunteer to do so
- \*\*A combination of both independent and remoting into the classroom from those teachers who volunteer to do so



Will remote learning be offered?

## Per State Guidance

- No - as a full-time learning model
- Yes - for students who have been quarantined **AND** are not eligible for the vaccine

[CDC eligibility for COVID-19 vaccine](#)



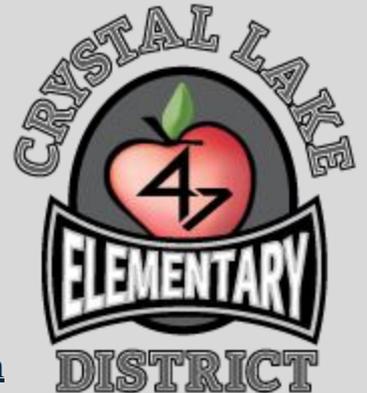
What if  
parents want  
their students  
to remain in  
remote  
learning?

If a parent wants to continue their child(ren) in a remote setting, they could:

- Homeschool their child(ren)
- Enroll them in an online platform
- Seek a doctor's approval for homebound instruction due to the student having a medical condition

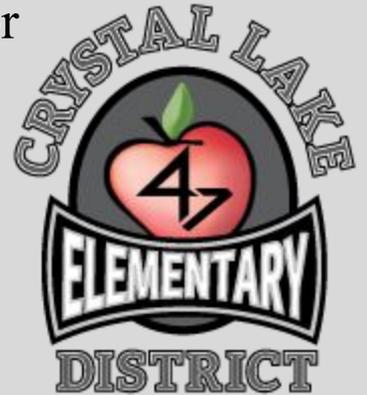
[Illinois State Board \(ISBE\) Homeschooling](#)

[Board Policy 6:150 Home & Hospital Instruction](#)



What could  
require us to  
change and/or  
significantly  
modify our  
course?

- A new disaster proclamation by the Governor
- A more restrictive change in the required mitigations from the close of the 2020/21 school year for schools



# What remains to be a challenge?

- Not knowing if social distancing in the lunchrooms will remain at 6 feet
- Not knowing if capacity on the buses will remain at 50
- Not knowing social distancing guidelines for the classroom



# Questions

