COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN
(Revised: March 15, 2022)

INTERNAL METRICS FOR CONSIDERATION OF MITIGATION LAYERING

- In consultation with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) and the District's legal counsel, the administration will recommend to the District 29 Board of Education the modification of mitigation layers based on consideration of the local COVID-19 metrics listed below.
- An administrative recommendation to add or reduce mitigation layers is contingent upon an assessment of the combined impact of all metrics, versus predicated on predetermined thresholds for a specific mitigation layer, and may be utilized at a classroom, grade, school, or district level.

District 29 Metrics	Level I (Low)	Level II (Mild)	Level III (Moderate)	Level IV (Severe)
Test Positivity Rate in NT Township*	< 5%	5% - 7.9%	8% - 9.9%	>= 10%
Cases Per 100,000 Rate in NT Township*	< 10	10 – 49	50 - 99	>= 100
Middlefork School Vaccination Rate**	>=80%	70%-79.9%	60-69.9%	<60%
Middlefork Positive Cases**	<5	6-9	10-15	>15
Sunset Ridge School Vaccinate Rate**	>=80%	70%-79.9%	60-69.9%	<60%
Sunset Ridge Positive Cases**	<7	8-11	13-19	>19

*Metrics calculated on a 7-day (weekly) average.
**Vaccination Rates and Positive Cases include BOTH students and staff.

Mitigation Layers

Level I/II Mitigations - Determined by Administration

- Cleaning & Disinfection.
- Proper hygiene.
- Maximized ventilation.
- Provide education regarding COVID & other common infectious diseases:
  - Prevention. Reducing fear & anxiety. Respecting individual differences.
- Access to reasonable accommodations under the Americans With Disabilities Act.
- Optional use of face coverings or other personal protective equipment.
- Health monitoring and exclusion (Symptomatic and Positive Cases).

Level III Mitigations - Determined by Administration

- Physical distancing of desks, lunchroom seating, and seating during transportation.
- Use of plexiglass shields.
- Cohort grouping.

Level IV Mitigations - Determined by the Board of Education or Health Department

- Mandatory universal use of face coverings.
- Temporary suspension of school activities (e.g., athletics, clubs, gatherings).
- Temporary modification of learning environment (e.g., in-person, remote).

RESPONSE TO POSITIVE AND SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

District 29 will report all cases of potential communicable disease to the Cook County Department of Public Health and follow the CCDPH consultation for the appropriate response protocol.

- ***COVID-19 Positive Test (confirmed with PCR test or probable with antigen/home test):***
  - Exclude for at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms. Return after the 10 calendar days and for 24 hours with no fever (without fever reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms.
    OR
  - Exclude for at least 5 calendar days from onset of symptoms. Return after the 5 calendar days and for 24 hours with no fever (without fever reducing medication) and improvement of symptoms, AND:
    - Wear an appropriate face covering at all times (except when eating/drinking),
    - Remain at least 6 feet apart from others while eating lunch.

  *Failure to consistently abide by the requirements for the reduced exclusionary period option will result in the mandatory completion of the 10 day exclusionary period outlined above.

- ***Symptomatic With Negative COVID-19 PCR or Clinic/School-Administered Rapid Antigen Test (home test kits not allowed):***
  - Negative COVID-19 diagnostic tests collected 48 hours prior to symptom onset, or while symptoms are present (within 48 hours) are acceptable for determining school exclusion status.
  - Exclude until symptoms have improved/resolved, including fever free for 24 hours and until 48 hours after diarrhea and vomiting have ceased.

- ***Symptomatic Without COVID-19 Test:***
  - Exclude for at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms. Return after the 10 calendar days and for 24 hours with no fever (without fever reducing medication), vomiting and diarrhea have ceased, AND improvement of symptoms.
    OR
  - Exclude for at least 5 calendar days from onset of symptoms. Return after the 5 calendar days and for 24 hours with no fever (without fever reducing medication) and improvement of symptoms, AND:
    - Wear an appropriate face covering at all times (except when eating/drinking),
    - Remain at least 6 feet apart from any individual during lunch,

    *Failure to consistently abide by the requirements for the reduced exclusionary period option will result in the mandatory completion of the 10-day exclusionary period outlined above.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS & SERVICES

Contact Tracing, & Communication

- The District will notify families if a COVID-19 positive individual was present in their child's classroom within the contagious period. (48hrs).
- It is the parent's decision whether to keep their potential close contact child home or send them to school.
- The District will offer, but not require, rapid antigen testing at school on Day 5 (or the next available date if Day 5 falls on a weekend) after the contact for any student in the impacted classroom.

Access to Testing

- Provide Access to On-Site Rapid Antigen Covid-19 Testing
  - The District will offer, but not require, rapid antigen testing at school on Day 5 (or the next available date if Day 5 falls on a weekend) after the contact for any student in the impacted classroom.
- Facilitate Access to Local Off-Site PCR Covid-19 Testing

Remote Learning Support for Students Under Exclusion

- District 29 will provide remote learning support for students while under exclusion from school as a result of COVID-19 Positive Test or Symptomatic Individual Without COVID-19 Test.
- Remote learning support will begin on Day 2 of exclusion and will include:
  - Assignments delivered electronically or via hard copy.
  - Daily check-in from a dedicated Remote Learning Facilitator designated by the District.
    - The precise time and duration of the daily check-in will be contingent upon the number of students under exclusion on a given day.