

Naperville 203 ***COVID 19 Mitigation Update***

March 7, 2022

Outcome

Update the Board of Education and Community on recent guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Update the Board of Education and Community on the Forward203 plan aligned to new CDC guidance

Goals for 2021-2022

Develop and implement a plan that can be flexible and responsive to the changing conditions of the pandemic

Ensure safe and secure learning/work space conditions for all students and staff aligned with public health guidelines

Leverage what we have learned about pandemic mitigation in schools to focus on healing, and academic & social-emotional growth for all in a safe environment

Guiding Principles

- **Align plans to guidance from public health officials**
- **Align all teaching and learning to the District Mission**
- **Utilize EC-12 lens for all planning and decision-making**
- **Consider both academic and social emotional needs of students**
- **Ensure equity and access for all students**



Primary Indicators to Monitor - February 22

- Building case count - monitor spikes and trends in classrooms, grade levels, activities, teams, and staff to determine need to consider targeting additional layers of mitigation, including masking
- Community transmission rate by zip code - monitor spikes and trends in the community, including positivity rate and cases

Additional Indicators to Monitor - February 22

- Continued vaccine availability resulting in increased rate of vaccination, especially among 5-17 year olds
- Hospitalization rates
 - Continued availability and trends
 - Continued scheduling of elective surgeries

Rationale for February 22 Plan

- Uncertainty regarding ongoing litigation
- Lack of clear state guidance for future planning
- Uncertainty and inconsistency regarding current requirements across the state
- State's planned transition
- Our ability to mitigate risk
- Current data regarding Naperville 203 community
- Need to focus on our core mission of educating students

Rationale for February 22 Plan

- Alignment to CDC/IDPH/DCHD guidance
- Local decision making aligned to local conditions
- Emphasizes safe, in-person learning for all students
- High vaccination rate among those eligible
- Community transmission rate
- Layered prevention and mitigation strategies

Recent CDC Guidance - What has changed?

- Friday, February 25, 2022 - updated CDC Framework
 - Community (County) based decision making
 - Established “COVID-19 Community Levels”
 - Low, Medium, High Community Levels
 - Considerations:
 - Hospital bed usage
 - Hospital admissions
 - Total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area
 - Removal of mask requirements on buses
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- *Governor has removed the Illinois indoor mask mandate, including in schools*

Low

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

Medium

- If you are [at high risk for severe illness](#), talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions
- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

High

- Wear a [mask](#) indoors in public
- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms
- Additional precautions may be needed for people [at high risk for severe illness](#)

COVID-19 Community Levels - Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community

New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

DuPage County Community Level



COVID-19 County Check

Find community levels and prevention steps by county.

Select a Location (all fields required)

[< Start Over](#)

● Low

In DuPage County, Illinois, community level is **Low**.

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

Naperville 203's COVID-19 Dashboard: As of March 3, 2022

Naperville 203's COVID-19 Dashboard provides a summary of the CDC-recommended data used to determine layered mitigation strategies, as well as a review of the number of new COVID-19 positive cases among students and staff members. The data is updated weekly and will appear on Monday afternoons by 5 p.m. when school is in session.



CDC COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL:

LOW

[COVID-19 Community Levels](#) are being used by Naperville 203 to help decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

Weekly 203 Dashboard Includes:

- Link to CDC Community Levels
- DuPage Cases/100,000
- DuPage % Positivity
- 203 Zip Code Cases/100,000
- 203 Zip Code % Positivity
- DuPage COVID-19 Admissions/100,000
- DuPage % Beds Occupied by COVID-19 Patients
- DuPage % ICU Beds Occupied by COVID-19 Patients
- Trend Arrows
- 203 Positive Case Counts for Staff/Students by Building

Individual/household level prevention for LOW community level

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines & boosters
- Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible
- Follow CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine
- Get tested if you are exposed or have symptoms
- Immunocompromised/high risk:
 - Have plan for rapid testing if needed
 - Discuss w/ healthcare provider

Community-level strategies for LOW community level

- Vaccination efforts
- Maintain improved ventilation in public indoor spaces
- Ensure access to testing
- Communicate to ensure access to vaccine, testing, and treatment

Individual/household level prevention for MEDIUM community level

- Guidance for immunocompromised/high risk
- Guidance for those living with/social contact with high risk
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines & boosters
- Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible
- Follow CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine

Community-level strategies for MEDIUM community level

- Ensure equitable access to: vaccination; testing; treatment; support services; information
- Consider screening testing/testing strategy
- Enhanced prevention measures in high-risk congregate settings - does not reference schools
- Maintain improved ventilation in public indoor spaces

Individual/household level prevention for HIGH community level

- Well-fitting mask indoors in public, including K-12 schools
- Additional guidance for immunocompromised/high risk
- Guidance for those living with/social contact with high risk
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines & boosters
- Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible
- Follow CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine

Community-level strategies for HIGH community level

Increased community-based and health-care based interventions in addition to those identified as part of the MEDIUM community level

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Next Steps

- Implement COVID-19 mitigation efforts aligned to current CDC Guidance
- Suspend Policy 4.172
- Continue to monitor the indicators and report them publicly at each meeting and update the COVID dashboard weekly
- District administrative team will consider and implement targeted mitigations as needed in individual spaces or buildings

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