

## **FACTS SUPPORTING DISTRICT 202 PLAN TO RETURN TO FIVE HALF-DAYS OF IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Educational Choice Form Results**

	<b>% In-Person</b>	<b>% Remote</b>
<b>All PreK Locations</b>	72.42%	27.58%
<b>Elementary</b>	74.00%	26.00%
<b>Middle School</b>	64.60%	35.38%
<b>High School</b>	52.79%	47.10%
<b>Plainfield Academy</b>	45.89%	54.11%

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) published [Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools](#) on March 9, 2021. The revised guidance provides some significant changes, specifically on the topic of social distancing. A brief overview of the changes that impacted the district's return plan for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is below. The district considered the results of the educational choice form, the current metrics, the revised guidance from IDPH, and the fact that majority of the district staff will be fully vaccinated by April 1<sup>st</sup> to develop the proposed plan.

#### **Social Distancing/5 Days a Week**

The changes in social distancing now support the district allowing students to attend 5 days per week. The results of the educational choice form allow for students at all levels to **maintain social distancing of 3-6 feet**, to the extent possible. Universal masking continues to be required.

#### **Lunch at School/Half Days**

IDPH considers lunch to be the highest risk setting in schools and continues to recommend no less than 6 feet distance between students while eating. Between 45% and 74% of students will be in person, **therefore, the district does not have the space to accommodate the number of students who will need to eat lunch and maintain 6 feet social distancing.** Based on this information, the district is not able to offer a full day of student attendance.

#### **Start Date of April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Individuals are considered to be fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose. Most District 202 staff will be considered fully vaccinated on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The revised guidance recommends 3-6 feet social distancing for students and **fully vaccinated staff.** Therefore, the district is recommending starting this new schedule on April 7<sup>th</sup>, which is the first day students who selected in-person will begin to attend daily after spring break.

#### **Hybrid Model**

Teachers will continue to teach both students in-person and students who chose to remain on full remote learning. Parents/Guardians may request to change to full remote if they do not agree with the proposed plan.

#### **End of the Year Events**

IDPH revised guidance permits **additional spectators at outdoor events.** This information will be considered as we develop plans for end of the year activities, such as middle school promotion, high school graduation and other traditional activities or events.

#### **Community Support**

The district needs the community to continue to follow the recommendations from IDPH for social distancing and mask wearing outside of the school setting. The recommendations for the plan are based on several sources, including the current metrics. If community transmission becomes high or substantial, the district may need to consider increasing social distancing measures, as recommended by IDPH.