



Northern Suburban
Special Education District

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Dear NSSED Families,

Reopening Plan

We have revised and added new guidance into the Reopening Plan. Please see the following items:

- [State Guidance](#)
- [Face Coverings](#)
- [Social Distancing](#)
- [Itinerant and Related Service Providers: Social Distancing](#)

Lake County Health Department

- The Lake County positivity rate is 3.4% as of March 27, which is a slight increase from the prior week. Please continue to practice the 3W's.
- The LCHD is waiting for official word from the CDC on the age for student vaccinations. Meanwhile, they are working on student pod vaccination sites. More information to come from them soon.
- Information on where currently eligible individuals can go for vaccinations is [here](#).
- Individuals in Phase 1b+ (16-64 years old with high risk conditions and disabilities) are now eligible for vaccination and should register on [Allvax](#). The LCHD continues to stress that "eligibility does not mean availability"; further information is available in this [announcement](#).

Supporting Students, Families, and Staff

Those in our communities who are of Asian descent may feel a personal impact of the recent shootings in Georgia. Across the cooperative, approximately 11% of students in our 18 member districts are Asian. In some of our member districts, Asian students make up over 35% of enrollment. Our schools reflect the diversity and strength of the region. That fact impels us, collectively, to recognize the rising occurrence of hate crimes against Asians in the United States and to clearly and forcefully denounce prejudice and violence toward Asian Americans -- or any person or group of people. If anyone needs assistance in addressing these issues, please reach out to any NSSED staff member, including our administrators, therapists and teachers. Other timely resources that may be helpful include:

- [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)
- [Countering COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Stigma and Racism: Tips for Parents and Caregivers](#)
- [5 Tips for Talking with Children About Hate Incidents](#)
- [Anti-racism resources to support Asian American, Pacific Islander community](#)

Our belief in equity and access for all is included in our [strategic plan](#). We are committed to the possibilities in every learner, every day.

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