

August 20, 2020

Dear NSSED Families and Staff,

As we start the school year, we are excited to welcome our students and staff back to school. We know this school year will be very different. As we previously shared, community health data and member-district plans continue to be quite fluid. The positivity rates in both of our counties continue to change and may lead to an adjusted plan. We continue to urge individuals to prepare for this possibility. We will keep you updated on our decision making as we move forward.

Reopening Plan

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

- [Entry to Site](#) Please note we will conduct temperature checks for all staff and students on arrival to NSSED buildings.
 - [Visitors and Substitute Teachers Entry to Site](#)
- [Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines](#)
- [Self Certification](#)

Travel Restrictions

We ask families and staff to limit travel to reduce the risk of inadvertently bringing the virus to school. If you plan to travel, you need to follow your county health department's travel guidance and quarantine protocols. **Should you need to be in quarantine due to travel, please contact your administrator or program nurse immediately.**

- [Lake County Health Department Guidance for Travelers](#)
- [Cook County Public Health Travel Guidance](#)
- [Illinois Department of Public Health Travel Guidance](#)

Family Updates

Here are some final reminders:

- Familiarize yourself with the [self-certification process](#) to prepare for in-person instruction.
- Connect with your child's classroom administrator or with Leslie Reynolds (lreynolds@nssed.org) with any transportation questions.
- Your child's team will reach out for a reconnection conversation.

Staff Updates

Each of you has received an email with a link to complete required COVID-19 procedure training sessions. Please complete by Sunday, August 23, 2020.

Staff can access the following information by going to nssed.org/reopening and clicking on Staff Reopening Information on the left hand side. You must be logged into your nssed.org Google account to access the information.

- Recording of Human Resources webinar recording and handout

- Recording of Through A Different Lens: Understanding and Supporting Students with Mental Health Issues
- Recording of Superintendent Welcome & Legal Updates Regarding Student Support

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