



Northern Suburban
Special Education District

December 17, 2020

Dear NSSED Families,

Safe Holiday Plans

Winter break ends on January 3, 2021:

- For those choosing to travel during this time, we ask that you return home by January 4th to complete a 14-day quarantine prior to the return to school on January 19th.
- Staff working in member district buildings must follow any return to work guidance that those districts have put in place.
- If you have any questions about returning to work after the break, please contact your administrator, your program/service team nurse, or Human Resources.
- [CDC: Holiday Celebrations and Small Gatherings](#)

Remote Plus Options

Following winter break, we will review [district considerations](#), including county transmission rates and member district adaptive pause status, to determine the district phase and related programming decisions. Staff have been working with member districts and families on creating potential in-person learning opportunities following winter break, if it is safe to do so. Finalized decisions will be communicated the week of January 4, 2021.

Meanwhile, please follow the Illinois Department of Public Health and your county health department's guidance for a safe holiday season. With significant community transmissions, we must all work against COVID-19 fatigue and make adjustments to our traditional holiday plans in order to prevent further illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths and best be able to try and implement options for in-person learning.

Lake County Health Department: Register for the Vaccine

As we shared previously, we have been asked to assist in sharing information about the LCHD's vaccine distribution efforts and signup. For information about registering to receive the vaccine and which groups will be eligible first, you can access the press release from the LCHD [English Press Release](#); [Spanish Press Release](#). You can register yourself and others, including minors in your family, so you can be notified when a COVID-19 vaccine is available. Registering online can be done by visiting AllVax.lakecohealth.org or over the phone by calling the LCHD at (847) 377-8130. When registering, note that "Frontline Essential Workers" includes the field of education.



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COVID-19 Impact Dashboard

We have added a new display to our [Status Dashboard](#), linked to the Staffing consideration. There, you can find the current and cumulative impact of COVID-19 on students and staff in the cooperative. This data is updated weekly.

Weekly Message Resumes in January

Our next weekly message will be sent on January 7, 2021, after the winter break.

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