



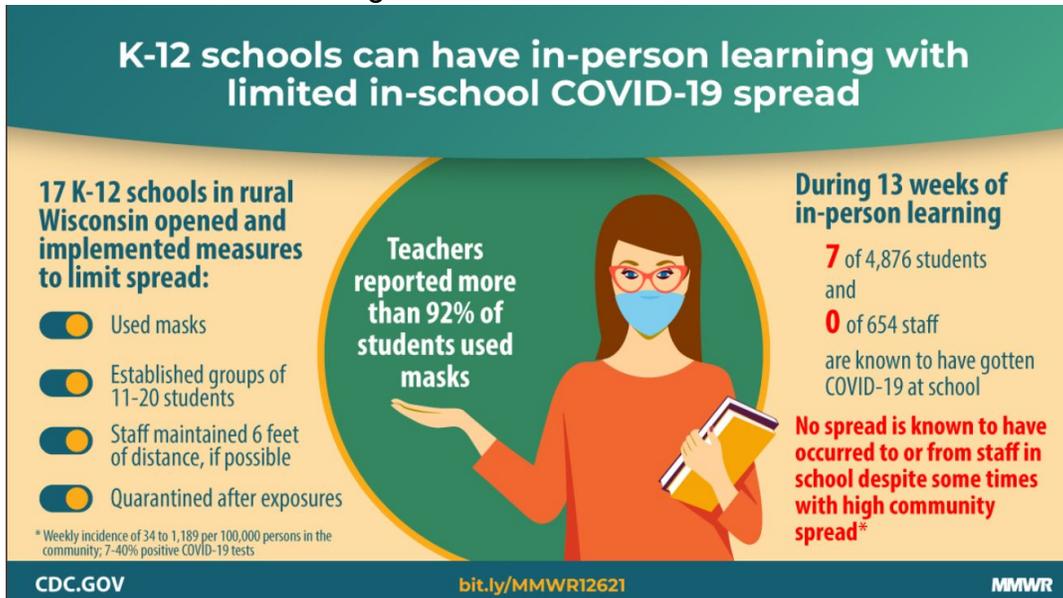
Northern Suburban
Special Education District

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Dear NSSED Families,

COVID-19 Information

- The CDC has released this graphic about school safety. We continue to be in our Blended Remote Learning model.



- The Lake County Health Department shared that they have received questions about double masking. In their opinion, double masking is up to each individual; one mask is still a good deterrent and is the LCHD guidance.

Vaccine News

Family members providing "Home Health" or serving as a "Home Aide/Caregiver" for a relative with a disability may qualify as "health care workers" for purposes of receiving the vaccine. Please see this [letter](#) from the Illinois Department of Human Services for more information. You may also contact your program nurse if you have any questions.

Everyone with an [Lake County Allvax Portal](#) account should be aware that the website does not send reminders about your account. Please read emails carefully and check the website regularly for information on scheduling your vaccination appointment.

North Suburban Region 9 Returns to Phase 4 in the Restore Illinois Plan

Effective yesterday, North Suburban Region 9, which includes Lake and McHenry Counties, has met the criteria set by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to move from Tier 1 mitigations to Phase 4 under the State's Restore Illinois Plan. You can find more information [here](#).

Kinnett Scholarship

The NSSED Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2021 Kinnett Scholarship for College/Further Education for graduating seniors at NSSED-affiliated high schools. Up to five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who have received special education services and plan to pursue further education, as well as students who intend to pursue a college degree in special education. NSSED-affiliated high school districts include Deerfield and Highland Park High School District 113, Glenbrook High School District 225, New Trier High School District 203, Lake Forest High School District 115, and NSSED North Shore Academy. Applications are available [on the Foundation's website](#) and are due April 6, 2021.

Black History Month Resource

Whether during the school day or for your student's own learning, check out this [African American History Month collection](#) from the Library of Congress. There are primary sources for students to explore, including artwork, baseball cards, political cartoons, and photographs.

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