



Northern Suburban
Special Education District

January 21, 2021

Dear NSSED Families,

Blended Remote Learning

Yesterday, students at NSSED sites began participating in their Blended Remote Learning model, if their families chose the Phased-In Learning plan. We are happy to see everyone back on campus!

As we return to school buildings, we reset all health and safety protocols. We ask for your ongoing daily assistance to support the protocols that allow us to safely operate within our schools:

- Complete The Self Certification Process Every Day
- Stay Home When Sick
 - Please help us by keeping your child home if they are experiencing any symptoms or if anyone in the home is awaiting COVID test results due to symptoms. We are following all exclusion guidelines through the Illinois Department of Public Health concerning school attendance and quarantine. Please contact your school nurse with any questions or concerns.
- Follow Safe Practices in our Communities
 - Our actions outside the school day do matter. Our ability to maintain the current learning model depends on all individuals making responsible decisions. Wear Your Mask. Wash Your Hands. Watch Your Distance. Avoid non-essential travel and gatherings outside of your household. Taking these steps as a community supports the health and safety of all.
- Please check that your child has a few back-up masks. If your child requires new masks, we have plenty on hand to share.

Vaccine News

Correction

The Lake County Health Department has clarified that Group 1a includes occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech-language pathologists, **but not psychologists or social workers**. Psychologists and social workers are not part of essential health workers in Group 1a. Instead, psychologists and social workers in schools can register as a Frontline Essential Worker and are a part of Group 1b.

Group 1b Update (all can register as Frontline Essential Worker)

Educators (anyone working in a school system) and individuals age 65 or older are Group 1b; vaccinations for this group are anticipated to begin in February. Please check your AllVax.lakecohealth.org account information for accuracy so you will be sure to get notifications.

Register for the Vaccine

Please register for the vaccination; if you live or work in Lake County, you can register yourself and others, including minors in your family, so you can be notified when a COVID-19 vaccine is available. Visit AllVax.lakecohealth.org or call (847) 377-8130.

There are many other vaccination sites available in cities and counties. You are eligible for those sites based on where you live. If you live outside of Lake County please contact your program nurse to get information about vaccination registration links for those communities.

Wherever you receive your vaccine please follow the instructions provided by that provider. Any follow up booster must be provided by the site that administered your first dose.

Honoring the Life and Work of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Every January, people around the country engage in service activities to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Though the holiday has passed, we can make a difference throughout the year as it relates to equality and advocacy. Check out opportunities to volunteer in your area at volunteermatch.org.

Kurt A. Schneider, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Northern Suburban Special Education District