



Northern Suburban  
Special Education District

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Dear NSSED Families,

### **Vaccine News**

We request that all NSSED employees register with the Lake County Health Department by visiting [AllVax.lakecohealth.org](http://AllVax.lakecohealth.org) or call (847) 377-8130.

In addition, there is now a [Cook County information site](#) for members of Group 1b, Frontline Essential Workers, which includes educators. If you live in Cook County, this site may be an additional way to register for the vaccine. Please register with LCHD regardless of whether you choose to register in Cook County.

On Tuesday, we sent a [communication](#) with information from the Lake County Health Department. The LCHD asked schools to share this information and request that community members refrain from contacting the LCHD directly. Please contact your program nurse with COVID-19 or vaccine questions, so public health officials can focus on vaccine distribution.

Educators will receive an email tomorrow from the LCHD to verify your portal content. Another email will arrive over the weekend to schedule a time for a vaccine. The health departments are doing their best to coordinate their available supplies of the vaccine with scheduled appointments. They ask for our patience and flexibility if appointments must be rescheduled due to inconsistent supplies.

### **Healthy Communities**

It is everyone's responsibility to help keep all communities healthy and schools open. Please assist us by:

- Completing the NSSED self certification every weekday**
  - whether you/your child are/is in attendance or not
  - especially if you/your child have any symptoms
- Wearing a mask**
- Washing your hands**
- Watching your distance**
- Registering for the vaccine: visit [AllVax.lakecohealth.org](http://AllVax.lakecohealth.org) or call (847) 377-8130
- Limiting your travel
- Cooperating with public health contact tracers

### **Technology Grant for Individuals and Families**

The Arc of Illinois, through a grant from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, administers the Consumer Stipend Program and distributes consumer stipend funds to enable people with developmental disabilities and their family members to attend conferences of their choice that are directly related to developmental disability issues. Due to the pandemic, many important meetings and conferences are now virtual; the Consumer Stipend Program now allows stipends to pay for the assistive technology needed to attend virtual events. [Here](#) is the application and further information.

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