



Northern Suburban  
Special Education District

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Dear NSSED Families,

### **Welcome Back!**

Our Remote + services are currently underway. Remote + is a flexible service delivery option that includes bringing students in-person for a period of time and is meant to target specific IEP goals for which delivery of services is challenging during remote learning. We are scheduled to remain in Remote + until January 15th.

There is still substantial community transmission of COVID-19, but the data is improving. Per our Reopening Plan, we will communicate our decision on whether to remain in Remote Learning (Phase 1) or move to Blended Remote Learning (Phase 2) no later than Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

### **Safety for Our School Communities**

- Remember that wherever you go, you should always follow public health guidelines - the 3 Ws - to reduce your risk of getting and spreading COVID-19:
  - WEAR A MASK
  - WASH YOUR HANDS
  - WATCH YOUR DISTANCE
- Thank you for participating in our feedback survey regarding your experience in the fall. Based on the survey results we are reviewing and strengthening our safety protocols. The cooperative has made significant investments in safety equipment and practices and will continue to offer as much in-person instruction as safely possible.

### **Lake County Health Department Updates**

#### *Register for the Vaccine*

Please register for the vaccination if you have not already done so. 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. Be sure to indicate you are a frontline worker on the portal, use

the 1st or 2nd Frontline option as it has "Education" (even if you do not see it on your screen). Visit [AllVax.lakecohealth.org](http://AllVax.lakecohealth.org) or call (847) 377-8130.

### *Virtual Town Hall*

Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart will host a discussion with Lake County Health Department Executive Director Mark Pfister, Medical Epidemiologist Dr. Sana Ahmed and others about the County's vaccination efforts and answer related questions from the community. This Virtual Town Hall Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. You can find more information about the event [here](#).

### *Data Display*

The LCHD will soon change the display of the COVID-19 metrics on their website. They have shared that the metrics themselves are not changing, but the display.

## **Supporting Your Child at Home**

The National Center on Educational Outcomes and the TIES Center are developing a series of videos for parents on various aspects of supporting the learning of children with significant cognitive disabilities at home. The first four videos are now published:

- [Helping Your Child with Routines at Home](#)
- [Helping Your Child with the Foundations of Communication at Home](#)
- [Helping Your Child with Communication at Home](#)
- [Helping Your Child with Academics](#)

You can learn more about this project in this [announcement](#) from the Illinois State Board of Education.

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