



Northern Suburban
Special Education District

November 12, 2020

Dear NSSED Families and Staff,

Regional Condition Information - Substantial Community Transmission

Regions 9 ([Lake and McHenry County](#)) and 10 ([suburban Cook County](#)) continue with mitigation due to “substantial community transmission” and increased risks associated with COVID-19.

Public health officials in both Lake County and Cook County have stated that schools should strongly consider remote learning given the presence of “substantial community transmission”. Further, today, a number of our member districts began announcing various plans that include adaptive pauses, resulting in remote learning for various lengths of time.

At NSSED, we began reviewing this information with our Reopening Committee this afternoon, and will continue discussing its impacts with our administrative team tomorrow, so that we can announce any changes to our district plans no later than Tuesday, November 17th. Until that time, our current Blended Remote Learning model and existing schedules remain in effect.

As we have shared previously, we feel it is important to remind everyone that due to the realities of COVID-19, we encourage everyone to make a plan for yourself and your family, should a decision include an adaptive pause to remote learning.

Thanksgiving Celebrations

As you develop your Thanksgiving plans, please consider this guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health.

- [CDC: Celebrating Thanksgiving](#)
- [IDPH Holiday Season Safety Tips](#)

Keeping our School Communities Healthy

Follow the 3 Ws!

- 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
- Flu Shot
 - Please get a flu shot. They are available now; don't wait!

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