

September 1, 2020

Dear NSSED Families and Staff,

We are pleased to announce that on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, NSSED programs (at our sites) will move to our Blended Remote Learning Model. Our reopening plan states that staff and families would receive notification about the district's decision to move forward to Phase 2 within seven calendar days.

Considered together, (i) state and regional conditions, (ii) the status of our member districts, and (iii) our own workforce readiness and supply inventory, support the determination that we are ready to serve students in our Blended Remote Learning Model. We must continue to stress, however, metrics across communities are very fluid and could result in a change of plans.

As shared by our administrators, blended remote schedules vary by program. Please know program administrators will continue to share specific information in preparation for September 8, 2020.

We consider the health and safety of our students and staff our highest priority and will continue to monitor the status of our region. We appreciate your patience and flexibility.

As we move to Blended Remote Learning, we are repeating some important reminders:

- Familiarize yourself with the [self-certification process](#) to prepare for in-person instruction.
- Families, please connect with your child's classroom administrator or with Leslie Reynolds (lreynolds@nssed.org) with any transportation questions.
- We ask families and staff to limit travel to reduce the risk of inadvertently bringing the virus to school. If you plan to travel, you need to follow your county health department's travel guidance and quarantine protocols. **Should you need to be in quarantine due to travel, please contact your administrator or program nurse immediately.**
 - [Lake County Health Department Guidance for Travelers](#)
 - [Cook County Public Health Travel Guidance](#)
 - [Illinois Department of Public Health Travel Guidance](#)

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**Readiness Considerations to Move NSSED Programs to Blended Remote Learning
on September 8, 2020**

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Restore Illinois Phase 4 or 5 (or no Executive Proclamation limiting school attendance)	Illinois Department of Public Health allows schools to be open	Regional Conditions	Member District Status	Two week supply of PPE and sanitation materials	Scheduling and procedures generally allow six foot social distancing per local and state guidance	Administration determination of program/ service areas being safely staffed	Greater than 70% active substitute pool	OVERALL READINESS