

September 24, 2020

Phase Change Announcement

Per our Reopening Plan, we will communicate our decision on whether to remain in Blended Remote Learning (Phase 2) or move to In-Person Learning (Phase 3) no later than Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

In the interest of transparency, we want you to know that data points, or metrics, are important considerations, but both Lake and Cook County public health officials have stated that county metrics only tell part of the story. When we make determinations about learning models, we balance educational needs and medical information. We will always be guided by our top priority, the health and safety of our students and staff.

Reopening Plan

We have revised and added new guidance into the Reopening Plan. Please see the following items:

- [Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines](#)
- [District/School Cleaning Procedures: Materials](#)
- [District/School Cleaning Procedures: Cleaning Supplies](#)
- [Itinerant Services: Teaching Equipment](#)
- [Itinerant Services: Returning Equipment](#)
- [Appendix 3: CrisisGo Safety IPass Self Certification](#)

Self Certification

- We are now asking all students and all staff to complete the self certification form daily before 7 a.m. every weekday, regardless of whether they are planning to come to work or school that day, or are working remotely.
- Please complete even if you or your child are staying home from work or school for any reason.

Supporting Public Health Work

You may be contacted by your local public health department in relation to a COVID case. Please cooperate with these contact tracers; the information they gather is vital to the health of our communities.

The Lake County Public Health Department asked us to remind you that unless you have been notified by public health contact tracers, you have **NOT** been identified as a close contact and do **NOT** need to quarantine at home or to be tested.

Friendly Reminders

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 before the end of September. The Lake and Cook County Health Departments recommend this to prevent co-infections.
- Flu shots are available now; don't wait!

Travel

- Please limit travel to reduce the risk of inadvertently bringing the virus to school and work. Regional public health officials caution that social gatherings such as weddings, family parties, and other larger events continue to be a main source of virus spreading. Please follow their guidance if you travel:
 - a. [Lake County Health Department Guidance for Travelers](#)
 - b. [Cook County Public Health Travel Guidance](#)
 - c. [Illinois Department of Public Health Travel Guidance](#)

Lake County Virtual Town Hall September 30

- Many of our students and staff are residents of Lake County. Anyone interested in COVID-19 conditions in Lake County can attend a virtual town hall meeting on September 30 at 7:00 p.m. [See this flyer for more information and a link for registration.](#)

Staff Updates

Health Insurance

- COVID-19 testing and testing-related visits will continue to be covered with no cost-share for fully insured (HMO) and ASO (PPO and HDHP) members as required by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act until the end of the federal public health emergency. Testing is covered at 100% until the end of the pandemic. The employee will have to obtain a referral from his/her primary care physician.
- COVID-19 **treatment** with no cost-share will end on October 23, 2020 for all plans; there will continue to be treatment, of course; however, it will be covered like any other medical condition and subject to deductible and coinsurance.
- Prior Authorizations have been extended on previously approved elective surgeries, procedures, therapies and behavioral health services until 12/31/2020. (This is for services that were scheduled between 1/1/2020 and 6/30/2020).
- Telehealth "virtual" visits with in-network Illinois providers continue to be available to members and are paid consistent with the terms of the member's benefit plan. (For HMO plans only, the cost sharing waiver has been extended through December 31, 2020. After this time, copays will apply).
- Early prescription refill override will end on October 23, 2020 for Prime Therapeutics members.

Organizational Culture Survey

- The organizational culture survey will open next week! Why is this survey important? Watch [this video](#) to find out.