

Northbrook District 28

Options for the 2020-21 School Year

(as of July 17, 2020)

PURPOSE

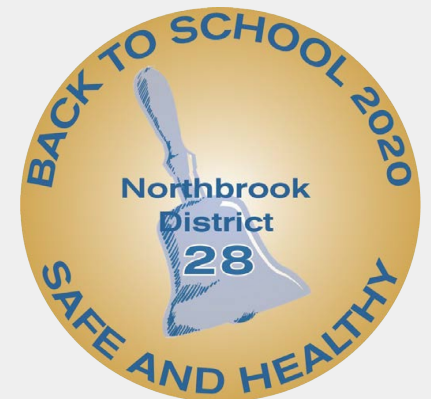
Provide up-to-date information about 2020-21 so families can make an informed decision.

FAMILY DECISION

Option 1: Daily onsite, in-person instruction

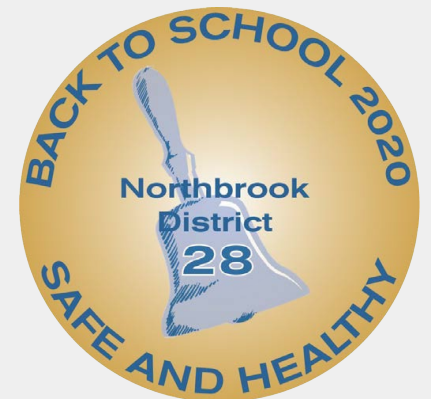
Option 2: Daily remote instruction

(If un-enrolling your child to homeschool or private school, please let us know asap.)



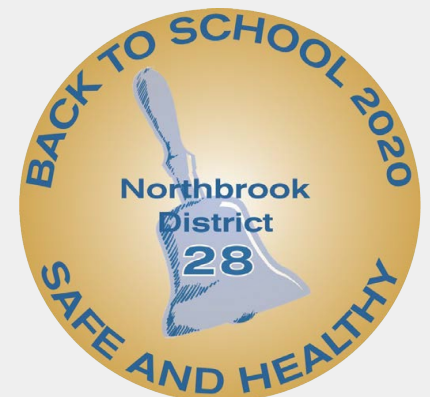
BIG PICTURE REALITIES

1. Unconventional Year - not “business as usual”
2. School districts operate under State oversight
3. Local/regional health conditions impact school operations - flexibility is a must
4. “No-risk” does not exist



BIG PICTURE REALITIES

5. Effective mitigation strategies do exist to reduce risk (not one strategy, but a layering of several strategies)
6. Components may need to be adjusted at any time:
 - due to conditions external to our locus of control; or
 - due to internal decisions to improve outcomes or address issues



RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

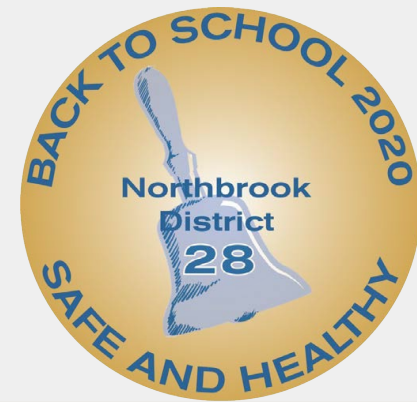
Phase 1 Rapid Spread	Phase 2 Flattening	Phase 3 Recovery	Phase 4 Revitalization	Phase 5 Illinois Restored
<p>Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, and only essential businesses remain open.</p> <p>Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.</p>	<p>Non-essential retail stores reopen for curb-side pickup and delivery.</p> <p>Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating & fishing while practicing social distancing.</p>	<p>Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions.</p> <p>Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing.</p> <p>Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.</p>



FAMILY DECISION

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Decision for 1st half of year due by **Tuesday, July 28**
- Good through **Friday, December 18**
- Decision for 2nd half of year due by **Friday, Dec. 4**



FAMILY DECISION

Why July 28?

- Every student must be placed on a class roster.
- Every teacher must be assigned to a class.
- Daily schedules for all core and special area subjects must be finalized.

We cannot proceed with our planning without knowing which students will be in each schooling option.

FAMILY DECISION

Why through December 18?

- Maintaining effectiveness of instruction requires consistency, continuity, & predictability.
- Moving back and forth between in-person and remote learning prior to Dec. 18 will create issues with :
 - ❖ **staffing;**
 - ❖ **class sizes;**
 - ❖ **space limitations and restrictions.**
- Adjustments are easier to make over winter break and when they occur simultaneously for everyone.

FAMILY DECISION

Pre-K and Kindergarten Information

- More specific information coming early next week for Young Explorers early childhood program.

- Kindergarten Reminder:

The state does not require full-day Kindergarten. Parents may choose to send their children to school for a half-day, with an academic focus on reading, writing, and math.

Depending on numbers, either 1) a half-day classroom with AM and PM sections, or 2) half-day students depart the full-day program around 11:15.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

State Requirements:

- Face coverings for all students and staff
- 6-foot physical distancing, as much as possible
- Self-certify: free of symptoms
- No more than 50 in one space
- Increased cleaning/disinfection
- No more than 50 students on a bus
- Exclusion of students and staff for illness or close contact with a confirmed COVID case

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Face Coverings



- Every student and staff member must wear a face covering when inside.
- When outside, face coverings may be removed, if 6-foot physical distancing is maintained.
- Breaks from face coverings will be planned outside, periodically (outdoor classes; recess; lunch; any time teacher feels it is warranted)

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Face Coverings (cont'd)

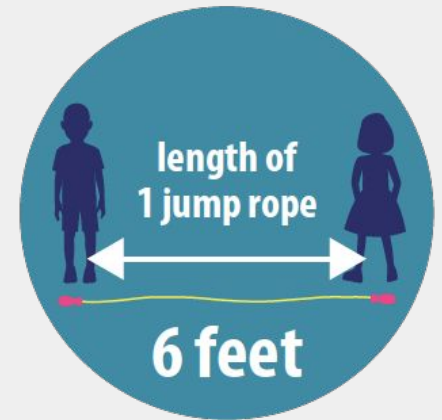


- A student with a medical condition who is not able to wear a face covering must have a physician's note stating the child is unable to wear a face covering and explaining the medical condition that prohibits it.
- Anyone may wear a **face shield, in addition to, but not in lieu of, a face covering.**

IN-PERSON LEARNING

6-foot Physical Distancing

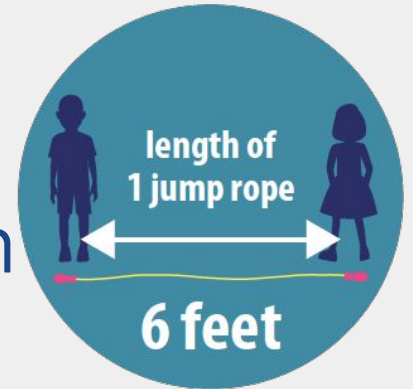
- 6-foot physical distancing is required, as much as possible.
- Student desks/work spaces will be placed 6 feet apart in traditional & non-traditional instructional spaces.
- Non-traditional instructional spaces include libraries, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasiums, etc.
- Class size caps will range from 13 -15, with some larger rooms allowing for 16+.



IN-PERSON LEARNING

Physical Distancing (Cont'd)

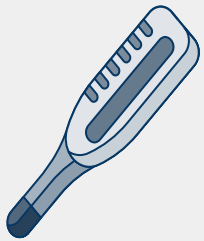
- Procedures will be established at each school to manage the number of students at arrival/dismissal times, in the hallway, bathrooms, etc. at any given time.
- Each school will have two 30' x 60' tents, so classes, recess, lunch can be held outside, even if it rains.



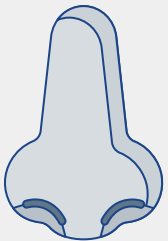
IN-PERSON LEARNING

Daily Health Check

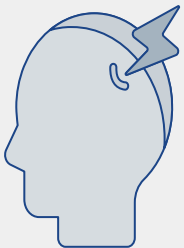
Parents must self-certify each child, daily by answering the following questions:



1. Has your child experienced any of the following symptoms during the last 24 hours?



- Fatigue
- Fever (over 100.4)
- Chills
- New loss of smell or taste
- Cough
- Congestion or runny nose
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



IN-PERSON LEARNING

Daily Health Check (cont'd)

2. Has your child been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
3. Has your child been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
4. Has your child traveled outside the State of Illinois in the past 14 days?

If the answer is "yes" to any of the first three questions, do not come to school.

Per the IL State Board of Education: *"Individuals who exhibit symptoms should be referred to a medical provider for evaluation, treatment, and information about when they can return to school."*

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Daily Health Check (cont'd)

- Staff must also self-certify daily.

Additional Safety Information

- All school campuses will be closed, except for essential visitors.
- Parents are encouraged to conduct school business via email or phone.
- If coming to the school is absolutely necessary, visitors will be limited to the front office.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Exclusion of Students and Staff

- Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 or who shows any signs or symptoms of illness will not be allowed into the school.
- Current CDC and IDPH guidelines for students who are suspected of having COVID-19, whether they have been tested or not, state that 72 hours must elapse from resolution of fever without fever-reducing medication and 10 days must pass after symptoms first appeared.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Exclusion of Students and Staff

- Any individual within the school environment who shows symptoms will be immediately separated from the rest of the school population and sent home with a parent/guardian.
- When a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs, all families whose children are within the same classroom(s) will be notified. However, the name of the infected person CANNOT be shared, as that is a violation of federal law.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Hygiene & Cleaning/Disinfection



- Each classroom will be equipped with sanitizer and wipes to clean hands and surfaces throughout the day.
- High-touch areas will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- District is working to hire additional custodians for the school day.
- Cleaning will follow CDC guidelines with EPA-approved disinfectants.
- HVAC systems are being evaluated to ensure maximum outdoor air intake and highest level of air filtration allowable.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Hygiene & Cleaning/Disinfection

- Any area used by a person who tests positive will be closed until cleaning and disinfection have been completed.
- Use of shared objects will be disallowed or restricted. Any materials or equipment that must be shared will be sanitized after each use.
- Frequent hand-washing will be encouraged and scheduled into the day.
- Water bottle filling stations will be used instead of drinking fountains.



IN-PERSON LEARNING

Bus Transportation Service



- Parents are encouraged to drive their children to school, if feasible.
- Schools are exploring staggered start/end times (10-15 mins.) to ease traffic congestion and prevent students from congregating.
- Bus ridership will be limited to one person to a seat, allowing about 20 students on a large bus and 10 on a smaller bus.
- Parents must self-certify their children before boarding the bus.
- Face coverings must be worn on the bus at all times.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Elementary School Day



- Students will have core subjects each day.
- Elementary art, music, Spanish will occur within the students' regular classrooms or will be held outside. Some weekly specials time may need to be reduced.
- Physical Education will be held, primarily, outside or during inclement weather, in the gym, regular classroom, or multi-purpose room.
- Lunch will be in the classroom, a multi-purpose space, or outside. All lunches must be packed at home and brought to school by students (no deliveries from food vendors).
- Students will receive a morning and afternoon recess.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

NBJH School Day



- NBJH will have the standard 10-period day.
- Students will travel to the various classrooms.
- Student groups will be mixed throughout the day due to the various instructional levels for math, language arts, French, and Spanish.
- Each student will be supplied with a disinfectant wipe at the beginning of each period and will be required to wipe down their area/desktop.
- Passing periods will be staggered to limit the number of students in the hallway at any one time.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

NBJH School Day



- Physical Education will be held in the gym, regular classroom, multi-purpose room, or outside.
- Students will not change clothes for physical education.
- Lunch will be in the classroom, a multi-purpose space, or outside.
- Math and Language Arts will have 80-minute block periods every other day which will eliminate one transition period.
- PE & Electives will have 80-minute block classes to eliminate transition time.

REMOTE LEARNING

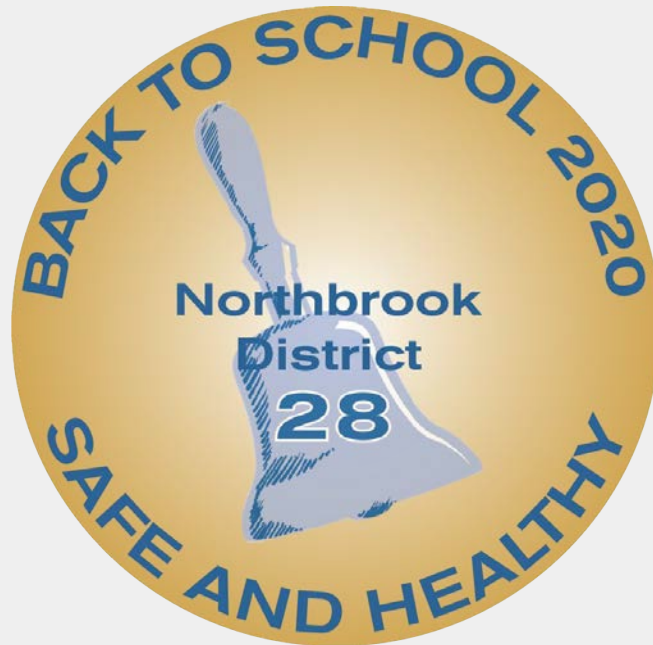
School Day for Elementary and NBJH

- Number of students in remote learning impacts how the program will be structured.
- If small number of students, then possibly a district-wide 3rd grade class or banded grades (K-1 class; 2-3 class; 4-5 class).
- No banded grade levels for NBJH.
- If larger number of students, then more teachers will be assigned to remote learning, so more flexibility with how students are grouped.
- It will be different than Spring 2020 remote learning:
 - More synchronous learning
 - More structure - students will follow a daily schedule of classes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A great deal of work has been accomplished and there is a great deal more to do in order to create as safe a learning environment as possible.
- A Frequently Asked Questions document is being created. email questions to: FAQ2020@northbrook28.net
- If the state makes changes, we will have to make changes and adjustments.
- Board of Education will discuss this plan at a special Board meeting on July 21, 7 pm that will be virtual. The regular July 28 Board meeting will be in-person and will also be live-streamed at 7:15 pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!



**QUESTIONS? EMAIL:
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