

# C.L.E.W.S.....Clews Learning Even With Safety

## Returning To School Safely

The following document outlines the 2021-2022 C.L.E.W.S. Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan. The plan was developed in accordance with guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education, the CDC, and the Illinois Department of Public Health. We look forward to the start of the 2021-2022 school year. C.L.E.W.S. has great confidence that our school community will continue to work together to provide the very best for our students and families.

## Face Covering

August 4, 2021

Governor JB Pritzker announced an Executive Order today that masks be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to pre-K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. C.L.E.W.S. will follow the mandate, effective immediately. As a reminder, updates will be made to the Plan based on guidance from federal, state and local agencies

July 27, 2021

The IDPH aligned with the CDC recommending indoor mask use for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Masks and or face coverings will be always worn by all Clews staff in the CLEWS building. Masks are encouraged for all and students. We will be providing times throughout the day to give students a break in wearing their mask, snack time, outside time etc. All adults and children 2 years and older entering the CLEWS building are required to wear masks and or face coverings.

## Social Distancing

Three feet social distancing will be respected as much as possible. Classroom will be set up to promote social distancing between students as much as possible. Snack time will occur more spaced out and individual prepacked snacks and drinks. In order to maintain social distancing, the following adjustments will be made:

- Classroom set up: limiting non-essential items
- Individual school supplies for each child
- Create traffic patterns for entering and leaving the building

## Student and Staff Health and Wellness

### SELF CERTIFICATION

Prior to the start of school, parents will sign an agreement to conduct a daily pre-screen for each child prior to arriving at C.L.E.W.S. Parents will utilize a COVID symptom checklist for each child attending school. The checklist is to be completed at home and will not be collected at school. Parents/guardians are required keep child(ren) home when symptoms of COVID-19 are present. The symptoms include but are not limited to, fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting. If any symptoms are detected by the Clews staff the parent/ guardian will be called to pick up your child and only return once all symptoms are gone. It is understood that student and staff confidentiality will be maintained and respected at all times.

## CONTACT TRACING

C.L.E.W.S. staff will maintain a contact tracing absence log. It is understood that student and staff medical confidentiality will be maintained and respected at all times. C.L.E.W.S. will follow quarantine recommendations set forth by the IDPH and the Will County Department of Health when a positive or suspected COVID-19 case is reported. The current IDPH protocols for close contact quarantine are still in place for non-vaccinated individuals. This may require 10-14 days of quarantine.

### • CLOSE CONTACT DEFINITION

Close contact is defined as individuals who are not fully vaccinated or who have not had lab-diagnosed COVID-19 within the last 90 days who were within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. In general, individuals who are solely exposed to a confirmed case while outdoors should not be considered close contacts.

### • QUARANTINE EXCEPTIONS

In the indoor classroom setting, students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student where both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of masks do not need to quarantine. Asymptomatic vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine. Asymptomatic individuals that had COVID within 90 days of exposure do not need to quarantine.

## Cleaning

Custodial staff and CLEWS staff will conduct deep cleaning daily using approved sanitation equipment. A licensed cleaning company will be deep cleaning all classrooms on a daily basis. C.L.E.W.S. is on its own HVAC system and has purchased a HEPA Air Filtration system. The furnace blower is on constantly, so air is filtered on a consistent basis. Clews will continue with frequent handwashing throughout the day for all students and staff.

## Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette

All C.L.E.W.S. staff, students, and visitors must practice appropriate hand hygiene when inside C.L.E.W.S. including all the following guidelines:

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands that are visibly soiled. More information about proper handwashing is available from the CDC Handwashing website.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Practice effective respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes.