

# Beecher 200U

SY 2021-2022

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# Sources

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- Executive Order 2021-18

# Governor's Mandate Executive Order

- All schools K-12 in Illinois are mandated to mask staff, students, teachers, and visitors
  - **Exceptions are:**
    - Children under 2
    - Students who fall into IDEA
    - Students and staff wear masking creates a risk to health, safety, or duty.
      - This will require a doctor's verification and provided to the school
      - These folks may be required to wear a face shield

## Key CDC Recommendations

- Prevention and mitigation strategies are still important
- In-Person Instruction = Top priority
- CDC recommends schools
  - maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms combined with
  - indoor mask wearing for ALL people regardless of vaccination status.
  - Layer strategies if not possible to maintain 3 feet physical distance
  - Monitor Hot spot locations in relation to prevention strategies
- **District should monitor data to guide decision making on the level of prevention strategies needed**

## Preventative Measures at 200U

- Requiring masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors
- Handwashing and Sanitation stations
- Placing masked students together at the Elementary school (must have filled out the elementary form with Mrs. Black)
- Social distancing when possible
- Contact Tracing

# Vaccination Information

- District encourages individuals who are eligible to get the vaccine. The vaccine is NOT required
- The District may ask parents/guardians for proof of vaccination in specific circumstances (i.e. contact tracing)

## Masks

- All schools K-12 in Illinois are mandated to mask staff, students, teachers, and visitors
- Students who are properly masked and 3 or more feet apart and asymptomatic will not have to quarantine according to new guidance.

## Transportation

- Masks are required on all school transportation.



# Contact Tracing

- Continued required contact tracing
- Vaccinated not required to quarantine if asymptomatic
- Quarantine individuals who are closer than 3 feet of an infected person for 15 total minutes over 24-hour period
- With WCHD permission, quarantine lasts
  - 10 days for close contacts for students with masking when return,
  - If negative test day 1, 3, 5, and 7. School exploring free Shield Testing or a family may get a rapid test on their own.

# Athletics-Guidance from IHSA

(As of 8/10)

- All players, coaches and visitors are mandated to mask while indoors.
- Outdoors, masks are not required.
- Schools (Beecher) may consider implementing additional athletics/activities related rules depending on the risk level of the sport/activity

# Food Services

- Maximize physical distance as much as possible
- Consider using additional spaces for mealtime to facilitate distancing if there is not enough space in the cafeteria
- No longer need to use single use items (i.e. plates, utensils, cups, trays)
- No longer need to pack separate meals/bags
- Vaccinated
  - Do not need to distance when eating
- Non-Vaccinated
  - As much distance as possible when eating, recommended at least 6 feet

# Remote Learning

- Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days
- Remote Instruction will be available to quarantined students via school work sent home during quarantine and teacher's guidance upon return.
  - Remote learning does NOT need to be synchronous

# District Return Plan to Start School Year

- All students registered with Beecher 200U will be in-person
  - Synchronous remote learning will not be an option
- Masking is required on all school transportation
- The district requires masking for **all** individuals until the mandate is lifted.
  - This will be reevaluated at that time.
- Social distancing will be provided as much as possible for students.
- Contact tracing will continue. Quarantine is not required for
  - Asymptomatic vaccinated individuals
  - Masked students who are 3 or more feet from positive case
- Positive cases will quarantine for IDPH required 10 days
- Contacts will follow one of the two options previously stated
- Vaccinations are **not** required, but highly encouraged

# District Return Plan to Start School Year

- The Leadership Team has developed the following protocols that will be utilized for students who fail to comply with the universal masking mandate, as stipulated by the Governor's Executive Order on August 4th. As a result, Districts are required (as recommended by our law firm) to communicate protocols that will be followed for those students who do not comply with the mandate. The district will use progressive discipline as described:
- First Occurrence: Verbal Reminder, Mask Provided If Needed
- Second Occurrence: Verbal Warning, Mask Provided
- Third Occurrence: Removal From Setting, Supervised Isolated Setting, Contact Parent To Pick Up Student
- Fourth Occurrence: Student Returns Next Day, If Warned Again, Student will be Isolated and Written Letter Will Be Provided to Parent With Duration of Isolation and/or Suspension
- \*Visitors who do not comply with the mandate will not be allowed to enter the building despite vaccination status.