

## **Stark County CUSD #100 2021-2022 Back to School Plan (ESSER III Requirement)**

Here at Stark County CUSD #100 we are proud to have successfully completed the 2020-21 school year with full in-person learning. Entering Phase 5 of the State COVID Protocols, the Board of Education will allow the parents autonomy regarding specific health decisions listed below for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

- School Schedule: 8:00 – 3:00 daily; Early Release August 18th – September 2nd: 8:00 am – 1:45pm; Early Release Wednesdays beginning after Labor Day 8:00 am – 1:45 pm, weekly. Last day of school, May 24, 2022.

- The CDC/IDPH/ISBE recommend masks be worn by those who are unvaccinated. They also recognize local control during Phase 5 as stated: "Together with local public health officials, school administrators should consider multiple factors when they make decisions about implementing layered prevention strategies against COVID-19. Since schools typically serve their surrounding communities, decisions should be based on the school population, families, and students served, as well as their communities". Based on the current conditions in our towns and counties, SC #100 will begin the 2021-22 school year with a mask **optional** policy. We will continue to monitor local health metrics, the health and wellbeing of our students and staff and will adjust accordingly if needed. Everyone should be prepared to wear masks if our local metrics warrant that need. We will respect any students or staff who elect to wear masks due to personal choice/beliefs. Vaccine information can be found at [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).

**All mitigations are subject to change based on local health metrics, IDPH/CDC/State changes throughout the year.**

**As of August 4, 2021, all Pre-K – 12 school districts are now under "Illinois Mask Mandate" for all students, staff and indoor extra-curricular activities/athletics.**

**SC#100 will follow guidelines as prescribed by the State of Illinois.**

- The district will be prepared to adjust educational and athletic programming as necessary throughout the year per IHSA/IESA and IDPH guidance. Students who are vaccinated may have less interruptions of schooling and extra-curricula's based on the current IDPH guidelines.
- All passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses.
- Remote learning will only be temporarily available for a student placed in quarantine due to a close contact or positive test. Any student on remote due to quarantine/positive test must provide medical clearance before returning. Any student on remote, 2<sup>nd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, grade will be expected to stream in live to each class on their school issued device. Contact tracing will be conducted per the guidelines, at that time, from the IDPH/ISBE and the local health department. Any such changes will be immediately shared with the community.

- Temperature checks and symptom screenings will be discontinued. Parents should keep their children home from school if they are sick or exhibiting symptoms. By sending your child to school you are self-certifying, daily, that your child is symptom free from COVID19.
- Social distancing will be maintained in all school areas to the greatest extent feasible including lunch rooms.
- Buildings will continue to undergo extensive cleaning/sanitation. Good hand hygiene will be strongly encouraged at all grade levels. New HVAC systems will be or have been installed over the next 2 years to improve air quality at both campuses.
- Student meals will be free for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with USDA reimbursements and district grant. Lunch rooms and locker rooms will be fully operational.
- Athletic programs will run as normal with full activity fees charged and gate admissions at home events per IHSA/IESA guidelines and schedules per sport. Athletics will follow quarantine procedures per guidance of IHSA/IESA.
- Field trips and fundraisers will resume as normal.
- Student absences due to a documented local health department quarantine or isolation order will not count when calculating semester exam exemptions.

- APPROVED BY THE STARK COUNTY CUSD #100 BOARD OF EDUCATION: JULY 19, 2021

-State Mask Mandate amendment as of August 4, 2021.