

District 66 Frequently Asked Questions



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A. What will school look like?

When is the first day of school?

The first day of school will be Friday, August 21st for all students following early dismissal schedules.

- Elizabeth Ide PK & K AM (morning) Session = 7:40 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Elizabeth Ide PK & K PM (afternoon) Session = 9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
- Elizabeth Ide Grades 1 - 2 = 7:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
- Prairieview Grades 3 - 5 = 8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
- Lakeview Grades 6 - 8 = 8:55 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

What will school look like in August?

District 66 will be implementing a Smart Start for all school days in August. The school day will be 3 hours long for students in grades 1-8 for school days in August. The school day will be approximately 1.5 hours long for ECE, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten students.

What will school look like in September?

Starting September 1st, school will be 6 hours long for students in grades 1-8. Starting September 1st, school will be approximately 2.5 hours long for ECE, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten students.

What will a typical In-Person Learning day look like?

- Each morning, parents will need to self-certify that their students are COVID-19 symptom free on a ticket. Parents will sign the ticket and the student will give the ticket to the bus driver or secretary for admittance.
- Before boarding, students may be temperature checked by the bus driver. Students with a fever will not be allowed to ride the bus. Students must face forward and wear their mask. Bus will be sanitized after each route.
- Students may also be temperature checked when they enter the school building. Students with fevers will not be allowed in the school.

- After entering the building, students will go directly to their classroom and use the hand sanitizer before sitting down in their assigned space, which will be approximately six feet apart from others.
- In addition to hand sanitizer, tissues, and disinfecting supplies will be available in every classroom.
- Students will not share any items (i.e., equipment, textbooks, paper, etc.) during class without them being sanitized first.
- When students leave their classroom they will go directly to their next space in a socially distant manner. Hallways and stairwells will be marked as one-directional.
- Students will not have a locker, and will carry their possessions with them at all times.
- Water bottles are allowed, and may be refilled at the water stations. (Water spouts will be unavailable.)
- Snacks will not be allowed to be consumed inside the building unless medically necessary through the office. Snacks may be consumed outside or in the lunchroom.
- Elizabeth Ide School Snapshot:
 - 7:15 - 2:45 = Teacher hours (7.5 hours)
 - 7:40 - 1:40 = Student attendance hours (6 hours)
 - 7:15 - 7:25 = Teacher plan/prep time
 - 7:25 - 7:40 = Student arrival - temp checks, students report to classrooms, teachers in classrooms, support staff and paraprofessionals in hallways and various locations for guidance/supervision and arrival procedures
 - 7:40 = Instructional day begins
 - Grades 1 & 2 = 20 minutes PE daily, 35 minutes Art & Music weekly, 35 minute lunch
 - Kindergarten = 20 minutes PE twice a week, 25 minutes Art & Music weekly, no lunch
 - 10:20 = AM Kindergarten session ends
 - 11:00 = PM Kindergarten session begins
 - 1:40 - 1:55 = Dismissal - teachers, support staff, and paraprofessionals performing dismissal procedures
 - 1:55 - 2:45 = Teacher plan/prep time
- Prairieview School Snapshot:

- 7:30 - 3:00 = Teacher Hours
- 8:15-2:45 = Student Attendance Hours
- 7:30-7:55 = Teacher Plan Time
- 7:55-8:15 = Student arrival, temp checks, students report to classrooms, teachers in classrooms, support staff and paraprofessionals in hallways and various locations for guidance/supervision
- 8:15 = Instructional Day Begins
- 2:15 = Instructional Day Ends
- 2:15-2:30 Student Dismissal--Teachers, support staff, and paraprofessionals performing dismissal procedures
- 2:30-3:00 Teacher Plan Time
- Lakeview School Snapshot:
 - 8:00-3:30 - Teacher hours
 - 8:00-8:45 teacher plan/pps team meetings etc.
 - 8:45 student arrival, temp checks, Students report to classrooms teachers in hallways and classes for student guidance/supervision
 - 8:55 Instructional day begins
 - 2:55 Instructional day ends
 - 2:55-3:30 Teacher planning time

What will a day look like for students who choose Remote Delivery?

- Students will be provided a class schedule with times for subject areas.
- Students will log into their Google Classroom and Google Meet link at the specified times from their homes.
- Teachers will take attendance for students who selected Remote Delivery.
- Students receiving Remote Delivery will see and hear the teacher through Google, in most situations live, in some situations recorded.
- Students may type their questions into the chat box or post in the Google Classroom page. Teachers may be able to answer the question right away during a natural transition during instruction, or it may take until their plan time the next day.
- Students will receive the CORE instruction.
- Livestream video will be turned off for all other school activities that are not in the cohort classroom and non-instructional times (lunch, PE, Music, Art, breaks, etc..).
- In most situations students will submit work electronically.

- In situations where students are asked to complete non-electronic work, students must have work dropped off at the school for the teacher to provide feedback.

When do I need to decide whether I would like in person instruction or remote delivery instruction?

Parents will be asked to make a selection via Google survey by 5:00 pm on Monday, August 10th. The survey will be released on Friday, August 7th, following the August 6th Board of Education meeting.

If I declare on Monday August 10th Remote Delivery, can I switch to the In-Person option after a few weeks of school without a Doctor's note?

No. Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of our parents requested a remote option. Based on the survey, we have created socially distanced classrooms, technology, and curriculum that works for classrooms. Allowing students to change their election creates operational conflicts and will throw off the balance created.

If I declare In-Person schooling on Monday August 10th, can I switch to Remote Delivery after a few weeks of school without a Doctors Note?

No. Once you have made your selection you must stick to that selection until the end of the quarter for Lakeview or Trimester.

Regardless of how I declared I wanted instruction on August 10th, can I switch to the other modality for a medical reason?

Yes. If you declared Remote Delivery for a medical reason, and can provide a Doctor's note stating that your child is clear to return to school, they can return to in-person learning. In addition, if you declare In-person Delivery, and your child's health status changes and they become "at-risk", with a Doctor's note they move to Remote Delivery.

When can I switch from Remote Delivery to In-Person Delivery, or vice-versa?

You can switch at the end of each quarter for Lakeview Junior High School. You may switch at the end of each Trimester at Prairieview and Ide. We will send parents a survey a couple weeks before to gain their selection. Then after changes are made, the same rules would apply.

Is there a possibility all student’s will be learning remotely this year?

Yes. The Governor, IDPH, or local School Boards may decide to move all students to remote learning if COVID-19 cases rise.

I hear some Districts talking about a “Hybrid” model, what is that?

“Hybrids” are educational plans that vary from the traditional 5 days a week for 7.5 hours a day in-person schooling. Some Districts use the word “hybrid” as their new option to In-Person learning, others use the word “hybrid” to describe a “mixed choice between choices”, and others use the “hybrid” to describe alternative daily scheduling for students. Center Cass offers two options and doesn’t use the word “hybrid”.

Besides Social Distancing, PPE, and Symptom checks, how is the day different?

Center Cass students have been receiving 6.5-7.0 hours of instruction a day. In this new model, students will receive 5.5 hours of instruction a day. Periods are shorter and more breaks will be provided. Technology will be utilized more than past years. We will focus our efforts on the key priority standards in each subject area to ensure that students develop the skills necessary to be successful in school, college, career, and life.

Will students practice social distancing on the bus rides to and from school?

Bus routes will be designed with the goal of having one student per seat. Students from the same household can share a seat. Students must wear a mask while riding the bus.

Will there be any food service?

Aramark will continue to provide lunch for students. Students will have limited menu choice.

Student Learning

What is CORE instruction?

CORE means English Language Arts -Reading/Writing, Math, and Science. Social Studies is considered CORE at Lakeview.

What is Non-CORE instruction?

Non-CORE means Physical Education, Social Studies, Music, Band, Art, Foreign Language, Social Emotional Learning, Consumer Education, and other Electives.

If I choose Remote Delivery, will there be a chance that my child can still receive Non-CORE?

Yes. It will vary depending on the situation.

If I choose Remote Delivery, do I still need to pay registration fees?

Yes. Any student receiving services remotely or in person pays registration fees.

Will In-Person Instruction Look Different Than Last Fall?

Yes. Students are accustomed to close interactions with others. Due to health guidelines, students and teachers will maintain social distancing with masks. This will change classroom dynamics and instructional practices.

Will In-Person Instruction Look Different Than the Remote Delivery option?

Yes and No. In some situations, since the student at home will be able to see and hear the teacher, the instruction will look the same, however, being physically present provides an entirely different experience. In addition, In-Person instruction affords students who are physically present the opportunity to experience other parts of the school day beyond the CORE instruction which the Remote Delivery provides.

Can the Remote Delivery option provide all the same CORE opportunities that the In Person Delivery provides?

No. Our goal will be to ensure that Remote Delivery students get as much of the CORE instruction as possible, however, we can't guarantee that.

If all students move to Remote Learning, will it be different from Remote Learning last spring?

Yes. Both students and parents requested more synchronous instruction in the feedback gathered from the Remote Learning Survey last spring. In addition, District 66 will return to its standard grading practices, and a student's grade can go up or down.

What is PE going to look like?

PE will be outside as much as possible. Students will be learning skills that minimize the use of their hands. A few outside PE options include running, jumping, fitness, and dancing. Ball activities where students use their feet instead of their hands are optimal, such as learning soccer skills. Equipment will not be used unless it is sanitized between usage. When students are inside, masks will need to be worn. PE teachers will ensure inside PE activities involve movement, but inside PE will be light due to student mask wearing.

Student Supports and Activities

What support will be available from the student services department?

Social Workers and Psychologists will be available for students as in the past. However, social distancing must be maintained when meeting and may result in meetings being moved to larger rooms or to virtual settings.

What social or emotional support is available for my student?

Teachers will spend adequate time at the beginning of the year on the social and emotional needs of the students. Social Workers, and Psychologists will be available for students as in the past. However, social distancing must be maintained when meeting and may result in meetings being moved to larger rooms or to virtual settings.

What should I be doing if my child has an IEP or 504 plan?

School personnel will be in touch with you soon to schedule your meeting and plan for the year.

Will there be after school activities this year?

Maybe. As of today, the vast majority of activities have been suspended. If conditions improve, after school activities will be phased back in.

Can you guarantee that students won't break social distancing?

No. There will be times when students will come within six feet of each other, including but not limited to, arrival, dismissal, hallway periods, etc. Just as we have all experienced in the past 5 months, people come within 6 feet of others. We are all learning, and students are no exception. We have socially distanced all learning areas; made hallways one direction as much as possible; changed schedules and practices; placed distance markers on the floor; added more supervision; and added many other strategies to help students keep their distance. We will remind students everyday and those who don't comply will be sent to the Principal's Office.

Are you going to discipline my child for taking their mask off at the wrong time or violating social distancing?

Maybe. Like other infractions, we teach kids skills to behave properly. When minor infractions occur, we discuss the situation and help them make better choices. If the infraction rises to the level where we need to contact parents, we will do so. If a student does not learn from their mistakes, and continues to break social distancing and mask guidelines, then yes, we will provide discipline.

What if I don't have technology to be instructed from home?

The District will supply you with a Chromebook, IPAD, or Laptop to receive instruction from home. In addition, if you are unable to access the internet, the District will provide you a hot spot to gain access.

Health and Safety

What new safety and health measures are in place at the schools?

We will be following the guidelines set forth by ISBE and the IDPH in order to conduct In-Person Learning:

- While in the school building, on a bus or at a school event, everyone must wear a mask fully covering their nose and mouth.

- No more than 50 people will occupy any one space. Large areas, such as the gymnasiums, may be divided into learning spaces where groups are separated.
- We will create as much social distancing as possible. There may be times throughout the day, such as passing periods, where students will come into closer contact.
- We will conduct daily symptom screens and temperature checks before people are allowed to enter the building if they do not have a self-certification pass.
- We will increase our school wide cleaning and disinfection procedures. For example, we will be disinfecting student instructional spaces after usage; daily sanitization of high touch areas such as door handles; disinfecting student restrooms every hour; and disinfecting student lunch table/desk after every use.
- Various hallways have been designated as “one-way”.
- Minimized movement of classes/cohorts from transitioning throughout the school building

Will District 66 provide PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to students and staff?

Yes. The expectation is for staff and students to provide their own face mask, but D66 will provide masks for those who do not.

Will wearing of PPE be required?

Yes. Everyone who is inside the school building must wear a mask at all times. This is an expectation, like other school rules, that is outlined in the student handbook addendum. Failure to do so will result in a transition to full Remote Learning.

Can I wear my own mask?

Yes. The mask must be worn properly, and cover your nose and mouth. The schools will be providing training to students about how to use PPE properly.

If I want to attend In Person Learning but I don't want my child to wear a mask, can I get a Doctor's note and send them to school without a mask?

No. Students without masks will not be allowed to attend in-person learning.

Will guests be allowed into the school buildings?

To minimize the number of people in our buildings, guests will not be permitted past the entrances of our buildings during In-Person Learning hours.

Do we need to wear PPE during PE? Physical activities?

If staff and students are outside in the fresh air and can maintain six feet between one another, they do not need to wear PPE. Fitness activities may be limited during PE.

What is District 66 doing to increase sanitary conditions of the schools?

We have increased our sanitation protocols since the stay-at-home order was issued, and we will continue with these stringent measures. Each night, all areas, in particular high-touch items (i.e., desks, chairs, doors, handrails, pencil sharpeners, bathrooms and hand sanitizer dispensers) are cleaned and disinfected with EPA-approved disinfectant. We also follow all CDC and IDPH guidelines for cleaning. Classroom doors will be left open to allow for more air flow and eliminate additional touching of door handles. Every classroom will be equipped with hand sanitizer, which all students must use when entering the class. Restroom breaks will be allowed only during class periods, and all restrooms will be sanitized several times daily.

Will there be extra hand-sanitizer at the schools?

Yes. There will be hand sanitizer in every classroom and in common areas throughout the school buildings. We will also be encouraging frequent and proper handwashing and will have disinfecting supplies available in each classroom as well.

Do you have proper ventilation in the buildings?

Yes. Air quality is important in maintaining a healthful environment. We have upgraded our filters to the new American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV 13) filters when possible and are increasing the air flow to bring in 20% more outside air. Fewer people in the building also helps promote air quality.

What are you doing about items that students share during school (i.e., textbooks, lab equipment, cooking equipment, etc.?)

In the rare case that students must share physical items, we will sanitize the items before and after use, such as equipment.

What is the procedure to conduct daily symptom screens and temperature checks before people are allowed to enter the building?

All District 66 students and employees must self-certify that they are free of a fever and COVID-19 symptoms before reporting to our buildings. If they do not self-certify, they will not be allowed into the building until seen by the nurse. Students and employees may also be symptom checked upon arrival.

How will I self certify my student?

The District will provide paper slips for each student to take home. Students will bring the paper slip with them to school each day with your signature, self certifying that they have met the criteria to be in the school building.

Why do I need to self certify if the school is going to perform a temperature check anyway?

Parent self-certification is recommended by CDC and required by IDPH. We are not allowed to let students in without the verification. The School District temperature check is a backup to parent self-certification and is not as extensive as the full questionnaire parents will need to complete. Furthermore, the symptom checks that parents will do each morning will prevent a student arriving at school with symptoms, then not being allowed inside. Students with symptoms will wait outside till parents are able to pick the child up.

Will COVID-19 testing be required of staff or students?

District 66 will be testing symptoms, not testing for COVID-19 disease. Currently, results of testing are not immediate and therefore would be impractical to conduct on a routine basis.

If someone tests positive for COVID-19, what is the plan?

Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 must quarantine and alert their health care provider. In addition, students and staff members must check in with the school nurse before returning to our school buildings.

If D66 learns that someone at D66 has tested positive for COVID-19 during the school year, will I be notified?

Our plan to reopen In-Person Learning minimizes the chance for people to come into close contact with one another. If there is a circumstance where individuals are closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes, we will document that encounter and work with IDPH on notifications sent out. When a positive case is identified, contact tracing will be performed by the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) to identify all students/staff that had close (within 6 feet) contact for 15 minutes or more. DCHD will contact families and students who will need to quarantine. Communication to parents will be prompt and informative, explaining steps the school and DCHD are jointly taking, including identification and notification of close contacts who will be quarantined for 14 days from date of last exposure. Parents should contact the school and DCHD immediately when their child tests positive.

If I receive notification from IDPH that there was a positive case at D66, and my student does not need to quarantine, but I'm not comfortable sending my student back to in-person learning, can I switch to remote.

You may switch between in-person delivery and remote delivery at the end of each nine weeks or tri-semester. If you decide to quarantine for 14 days due to coming into contact with an infected person, or after a positive case at D66, you may receive remote instruction during those 14 days before returning to in-person instruction.

If a D66 student or employee gets COVID-19 during In Person learning, will my student need to quarantine?

Our plan to reopen In-Person Learning minimizes the chance for people to come into close contact with one another. If there is a circumstance where individuals are closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of a known infected individual, the DuPage County Health Department will provide guidance on who needs to quarantine. By having individuals masked and socially distant, the likelihood of a quarantine is reduced.

What if my student shows symptoms of COVID-19 while at school?

Since parents are self-certifying students are symptom free before school and the school is also doing checks, the likelihood of students showing symptoms at school will be decreased. When a child with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, (e.g., cough, fever, shortness of breath, vomiting, diarrhea, headache) they should be brought to the school's separation room (capable of caring for multiple children and separate from where other care would be provided) and evaluated by the school nurse. Anyone with symptoms will be required to leave the school building and cannot return until approved by the school nurse.

What will the Health Department ask me to do if my child has COVID symptoms?

Prompt evaluation and testing of the child is imperative for mitigation and control efforts should the child be infected with SARS-CoV-2. Children may also be seen by their healthcare provider and return to school with a negative test or alternative diagnosis, although testing should strongly be recommended. Isolation of children with confirmed, probable or suspect COVID-like symptoms will be in accordance with CDC guidelines (10 days plus 24 hours fever-free and symptoms improving).

Will you perform contact tracing if someone gets sick?

In general, we will not be performing contact tracing as most often no one should be within 6 feet of one another, in close proximity for more than 15 minutes. If contact tracing needs to be done, it will be done by the Health Department.

Does the District have a Sanitation Plan?

Yes. See below:

Center Cass School District #66

COVID-19 Reopening school sanitation plan.

Prepared by Tom Tiede

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

As we prepare to welcome students and staff back into buildings for the 20-21 school year, it is imperative that we ensure that the facilities are maintained and cleaned to a high level of standards. While reopening plans call for mandatory mask wearing, wellness checks as well as socially distanced learning at all times, it will be equally as important to maintain a high level of sanitation and attention to all areas of the building envelopes to take part in lowering any potential risk of COVID-19 in our District.

DISINFECTANT PRODUCT INFORMATION

1. Bioesque Botanical
Solution-<https://bioesquesolutions.com/botanical-disinfectant-solution/> For use in Electrostatic spraying machines
2. Oxivir- [Oxivir](#)
3. Alpha HP- [Alpha HP](#)

SANITATION PLAN OBJECTIVES

1. To have a common set of cleaning expectations matched to a schedule of implementing actions intended to prevent the infection or spread of COVID-19 as well as other germs or illness.
2. Built in support in having ample disinfectant in stock as well as adjusting custodial staffing hours to provide as much support as possible during key busy times including the transition from A.M. to P.M. Kindergarten as well as lunch hour for all three buildings

SANITATION PLAN TASKLIST(s)

- a. Overnight/conclusion of students and staff in the buildings-Custodial and maintenance staff perform the following task list to prepare for the following days' attendance.

To Be Disinfected/sanitized- using handheld electrostatic spraying machines with the Bioesque Botanical Solution or Oxivir and microfiber cloth for excess clean up.

Rooms/Offices (blue):

- Teacher desk
- Phones
- Student desks/tables
- All chairs
- Entry door (focused on handle on both sides)
- Light switches
- Counter tops

Bathrooms (red):

- Toilet Seats
- Toilet Flush Valves
- Sinks
- Dispensers
- Stalls
- Doors
- Light switches
- Hand dryer/towel dispensers

Hallways/Stairways (blue):

- Railings
- Vending Machines
- Bottle filling station

Open Area/Lunchrooms/Gyms (blue):

- Lunch Tables/Benches
- Bottle filling stations
- Chairs

In addition to the above checklist, floors will be vacuumed/dust mopped, white boards erased/wiped clean and all garbage and recycling removed and disposed of NIGHTLY.

b. During the school day, the following frequent and consistent task list will be performed by custodial staff members throughout the day.

Item/area to be cleaned/sanitized	Procedure and product used	Frequency
Bathrooms (student &	<u>Oxivir</u> -Using oxivir and	1 hour intervals

faculty)	a microfiber towel (red), spray and wipe entry door handles/push bar, flush valves, soap dispensers, sink handles	beginning at 9:00 A.M. (Checklist for each bathroom)
Lunch tables/desks	<u>Alpha HP (spray bottle) or Bioesque solution (electrostatic)</u> -Using Alpha HP and a microfiber towel (blue) or Bioesque (sprayer) and a microfiber towel (blue) spray and wipe table/desk tops after lunch in ALL food consuming locations	After lunch periods/times for each cohort of children.
School Bus	<u>Bioesque Botanical Solution (electrostatic)</u> - Using Bioesque (sprayer), spray ALL bus seat bottoms & backs-wipe excess with microfiber cloth (blue)	After completion of each school drop off in both A.M. Mid-day & P.M. before loading the next group of students.
Kindergarten/Preschool Classrooms (IDE Only)	<u>Alpha HP (spray bottle) or Bioesque solution (electrostatic)</u> -Using Alpha HP and a microfiber towel (blue) or Bioesque (sprayer) and a microfiber towel (blue) spray and wipe tables/desk tops, chairs, cubbies & teacher desk and white board after dismissal of A.M. Kindergarten prior to the start of the P.M. Kindergarten session.	After dismissal of A.M. Kindergarten and Preschool classes.
High touch areas-door handles/push bars, office secretary countertops, stair	<u>Oxivir</u> -Using oxivir and a microfiber towel (red), spray and wipe.	Hourly or as needed.

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VERIFICATION

1. Checklists to be completed for bathrooms.
2. Peer and personal accountability required for maintaining high standards of sanitation.

Other

1. Blue microfiber towels to be placed in used towel laundry bins(found near custodial closets at each building) after each round of cleaning or prior to becoming saturated.
2. Red microfiber towels to be placed in used towel laundry bins (found near custodial closets at each building) after each required hourly bathroom sanitation. **(cloths used in one bathroom DO NOT get used in another)**