



## COVID-19 Public Health GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS

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Public Health and/or Illinois State Board of Education  
Additional Guidance for Schools**

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Pursuant to Section 20-1-6(BB) of the Oak Park Village Code, which was adopted by the Village Board on January 19, 2021, by Ordinance 21-8, the Village's Public Health Director has the authority to make "reasonable rules, regulations, and orders . . . as may from time to time be deemed necessary . . . due to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois . . . as long as there is a disaster proclamation in place by the Governor of the State of Illinois due to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease," and such a disaster proclamation continues to remain in place. In addition, authority is delegated to the Village of Oak Park Public Health Department as an Illinois certified local health department by the Illinois Public Health Act, 20 ILCS 2305/1.1 *et seq.*, Section 15 of the Illinois Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law, 20 ILCS 2310/2310-15, and 77 Ill. Adm. Code Sections 690.1305(a) and 690.1310(c).

### GUIDANCE

1. The Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") and the Illinois State Board of Education's ("ISBE") have issued COVID-19 joint guidance on March 22, 2022 for schools which can be found at the following link: [School-Guidance\\_3.21.22.pdf \(illinois.gov\)](#). The March 22, 2022 Joint Guidance is adopted herein in its entirety.
2. In addition to the March 22, 2022 joint guidance, the IDPH adopted on March 30, 2022 "Public Health Interim Guidance for Local Health Departments and Pre-K-12 Schools for Addressing COVID-19 Cases, Contacts and Outbreaks," which is found at the following link: [Interim PH Guidance Addressing COVID-19 in Schools.pdf \(illinois.gov\)](#). The IDPH's March 30, 2022 Guidance is also adopted herein in its entirety.
3. In addition to what is set forth in the guidance documents set forth above, all public and nonpublic schools that serve students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 (pre-k-12) located in the Village of Oak Park should report COVID-19 positive cases to the Oak Park Public Health Department by email to an individual school's Oak Park Public Health Department contact within twenty-four (24) hours of a school being notified of a positive case.

4. Schools should immediately begin contact tracing regarding a positive COVID-19 case after being notified of a case. All persons who are close contacts of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 should be notified of the positive case within twenty-four (24) hours. If a school is not able to perform contact tracing, the school should request assistance from the Oak Park Public Health Department. For purposes of this Guidance, a “close contact” is as defined in the IDPH’s March 30, 2022 Guidance.

5. Consistent with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidance, school staff and students with early release from isolation or quarantine should continue to wear masks. Appropriate mask use (i.e., covering over face AND nose, correct fit across the face, and the correct material used for masking) is essential to prevent transmission.

6. All close contacts should participate in bi-weekly COVID-19 SHIELD testing. If a school is unable to accommodate twice a week SHIELD testing, the school should request assistance from the Oak Park Public Health Department.

7. Classes within schools that are in outbreak status should not mix with other classes. All joint instruction and activities should cease for the duration of the outbreak. For purposes of this Guidance, an “outbreak” is as defined in the IDPH’s March 30, 2022 Guidance.

8. Classes in outbreak status that have implemented mitigations as recommended by the Oak Park Public Health Department and continue to have cases should transition immediately to remote learning in order to prevent schoolwide COVID-19 spread.