



Updated Guidance and Learning Plan Transition

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Updated Guidance

- **Distancing for in-person learning is now defined as 3'-6'.**
 - 3' distancing for learning situations while in masks
 - 6' distancing required when masks are removed for eating situations
- Removal of the 50 Person limit in a 'space'
- Universal masking remains critical
- Current cleaning practices remain critical
- Maintain symptom screening process
- Maintain contact tracing protocols (6' criteria remains)

Parent Feedback: Potential Strategies

All Responses						
Key Questions	Elementary		Middle School		High School	
Change Teacher or Team?	No	58.45%	No	61.06%	No	68.71%
	Yes	41.55%	Yes	38.94%	Yes	31.29%
		100.00%		100.00%		100.00%
Reduce Distancing - Classroom	No	33.42%	No	38.80%	No	41.81%
	Yes	66.58%	Yes	61.20%	Yes	58.19%
		100.00%		100.00%		100.00%
Change Buildings or Schedule?	No	69.54%	No	44.52%	No	51.38%
	Yes	30.46%	Yes	55.48%	Yes	48.62%
		100.00%		100.00%		100.00%
Change School Hours?	No	37.02%	No	40.33%	No	42.40%
	Yes	62.98%	Yes	59.67%	Yes	57.60%
		100.00%		100.00%		100.00%
Eliminate Lunch?	No	57.92%	No	62.11%	No	60.86%
	Yes	42.08%	Yes	37.89%	Yes	39.14%
		100.00%		100.00%		100.00%
Most Desired Outcome?						
Maintain hybrid until distancing guidelines are relaxed and students can return to school in their current classrooms with their current teacher assignments.		56.85%				
switch now at all costs		43.15%				
		100.00%				

Parent Feedback Results: Current In-Person Learning Families

Percentage of current In-Person families who indicated that they were certain or likely to send their students to 5-Day In-Person Learning

Elementary:	95%
Middle:	89%
High School:	78%

Evaluating our In-Person Model

Considering New Guidance, Feedback Results, & Our Goal of Quality Learning

Evaluating our In-Person Model

- Can we increase in-person learning safely by maintaining new distancing guidelines?
- Can we increase in-person learning safely while maintaining current building, course, and teacher assignments?
- Can we increase in-person learning safely and maintain distancing guidelines while providing students with lunch at school?

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Can we increase in-person learning safely and maintain distancing guidelines while providing students with lunch at school?

Yes and No

- Six Feet of distancing remains required in eating situations.
- Thus, lunch remains a significant challenge.
- Our teams are getting creative with potential lunch planning.
- Our solutions to the lunch issue will be differentiated by level.

Essential Question:

Can we safely and effectively transition to a 5-Day in-person learning schedule for all students currently enrolled in the in-person learning model?

YES!

Recommended Approach

- Transition our In-Person Learning Model from an In-Person A/B schedule to an In-Person 5-Day schedule.
- Students currently enrolled in In-Person/Hybrid will all be automatically enrolled in 5-Day In-Person.
 - Current In-Person families may submit a request for Online-Only Learning/Online-Concurrent Learning for the remainder of the year.
- Current Online-Only students will remain in their current learning model.
- In-Person learning will maintain 3' Distancing with masks, 6' when/if eating.
- We will differentiate our approach by level.

Elementary

- 5-Day In-Person Learning for all students in the In-Person Learning Model
- Follow Regular School Hours: 8:00-2:15
- Students remain assigned to their current teacher
- Limited (if any) need to relocate classrooms
- Lunch will use multiple spaces to ensure 6' distancing while eating.

Middle School

- 5-Day In-Person Learning for all students in the In-Person Learning Model
- Follow Regular School Hours: 8:35-3:24
- Students remain assigned to their current teachers (some change may be necessary in teacher assignment for PE, electives, and study hall).
- Limited need to change student schedules
- Limited need to relocate learning spaces
- Lunch will use multiple spaces to ensure 6' distancing while eating.

High School

- 5-Day In-Person Learning for all students in the In-Person Learning Model
- Updated school hours: 7:40-1:09
- 42-minute instructional periods with no lunch periods.
- Students remain assigned to their current teachers/courses with limited need for changes.
- Modified/Updated building entrance and passing period practices
- A grab and go lunch will be provided at dismissal for each student at no charge.
- Students will be allowed to seek additional support or instructional time for project-based course work in the afternoon.

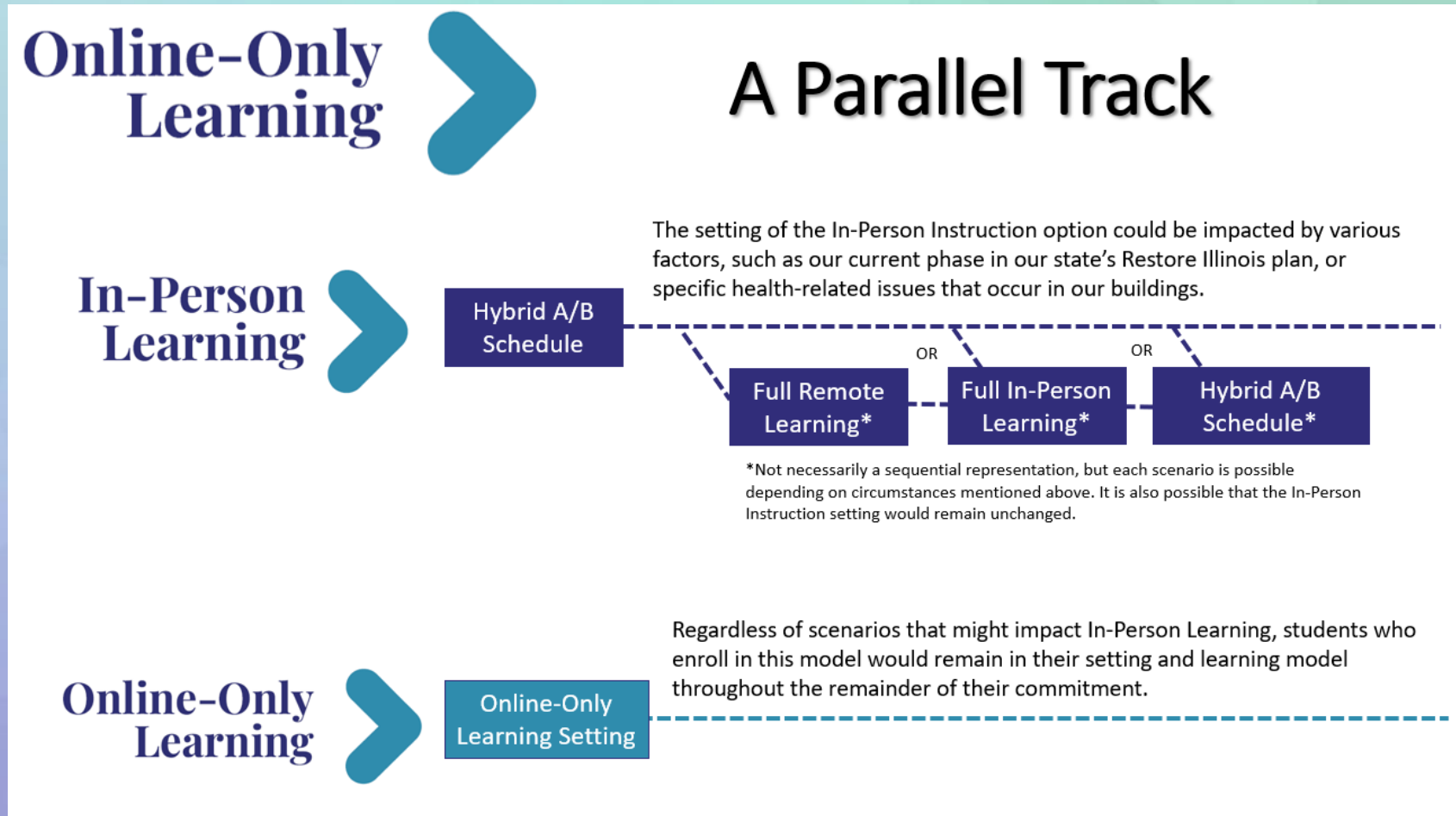
Learning Model Clarifications – Online Only

Will Current Online-Only Learners be disrupted?

No. Current online-only students will remain in their current learning model with minimal disruptions to their current classes and teachers.

Can Online-Only students elect to transition to Full In-Person?

No. Families who selected online-only learning were asked to commit to the online-only learning model for the remainder of the school year and will remain in this model.



Learning Model Clarifications – In-Person

- **Will Hybrid remain an option?**
 - No. Our in-person learning model will transition from a hybrid model to a 5-Day in-person model.
- **What if In-Person families have concerns regarding the transition to 5-Day In-Person Learning?**
 - We are confident that 5-Day In-Person learning will provide a safe and effective learning environment.
 - There will be a process for current in-person/hybrid families to submit a request for fully offsite learning.
 - Students who transition to fully offsite learning must remain in this model for the remainder of the school year.
 - At the elementary level this would require that a student is assigned to a new class/teacher.
 - At the middle school level this would require a schedule change and reduce offerings to core classes.
 - At the high school level students would remain enrolled in their current classes and would join a Concurrent Learning Model with live streaming from the classrooms for daily learning.

Additional Considerations – Symptom Screening

Guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health requires that every student undergo a daily symptom screening prior to utilizing School District transportation or entering any School District building.

Currently, the following symptoms must be considered:

- Fever or chills (100.4 F or higher without the use of fever-reducing medications)
- New onset of moderate to severe headache
- Shortness of breath
- New cough
- Sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue from unknown cause
- Muscle or body aches from unknown cause

Additional Considerations – Quarantine

- Health staff will continue to follow contact tracing protocols.
- Updated distancing guidelines do NOT change quarantine protocols.
- Daily work/assignments will be made available to students who are quarantined.
- Additional information regarding support for quarantined students will be provided by the building and/or level.

Additional Considerations - Fridays

- Remote Learning Fridays will no longer be part of the schedule.

Additional Considerations - Transportation

- Bus capacity remains at 50 people per bus.
- We anticipate that all busses will be at capacity for their routes.
- Seating charts must continue to be maintained for contact tracing purposes.
- With our transition to 5 Day In-Person Learning, we can accommodate bus transportation, but are asking families who are able to provide their own transportation, and to notify us of their plans.

Additional Considerations - Spring Break Travel

- We have been relying on families all year to do their part by practicing safe behaviors in all that they do. We will be encouraging families to be safe over spring break and follow the advice from the CDC.
- If you plan to travel over spring break, we ask that you are a responsible traveler. Use the mitigation strategies of mask wearing, hand washing, avoiding large crowds, etc. to the greatest extent possible, and follow IDPH and CDC guidance after your return.
- If you have a known exposure to someone who is COVID positive, reach out to your healthcare provider for advice on whether you will need to quarantine.
- For more information visit the IDPH page on travel: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/travel-safety-guidance>

Next Steps

- 5-Day In-Person Learning will begin following spring break on Monday, April 5th.
- In-Person Learning families will receive additional information from the district.
- Watch for additional communication from your child's school.
- We are confident that we can provide a safe and productive educational environment for our in-person students following this new guidance.

Thank You