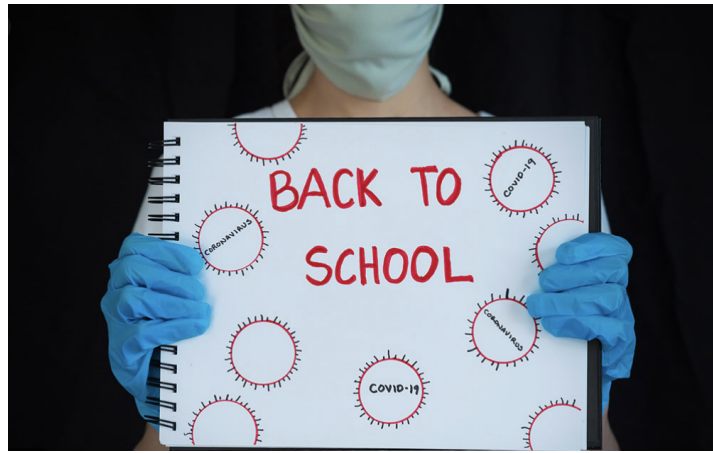


# RETURNING TO SCHOOL

## 2022-2023



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## HEALTH PROTOCOLS

In an effort to maintain a safe environment at school so that we can return to in-person learning and sustain it, we are all dependent on each other to adhere to the safety practices from health organizations including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). This piece includes information about a host of safety protocols including proper hygiene, hand washing, and staying home when sick. **The District is able to provide masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer and other PPE when available.** To increase safety of the physical environment, the following modifications have been made to buildings and work areas:

- Do not enter the building if you know or suspect that you may be contagious with any transmissible illness
- Clear plexiglass physical barriers in all school offices
- Heating and cooling system running 24 hours a day to ensure adequate ventilation
- Air purifiers put into rooms/offices without windows
- Additional PPE for our health care staff
- Hand sanitizer stations
- Signage and reminders for handwashing and personal hygiene in our hallways, stairwells, doorways, etc.

### Examples of Symptoms of illness:

- New onset of moderate to severe headache from unknown cause
- Fever 100.4 or above
- New loss of taste or smell
- New cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue from an unknown cause
- Muscle or body aches and or chills
- Sore throat
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Rash from unknown source
- Sinus pain

A summary of how you can help ensure the health of our school communities is listed below:

- Stay home if you are exhibiting symptoms of an illness.

- Limit the sharing of supplies.
- Follow good hygiene practices like washing your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Should you feel sick or are exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, see the next section on this topic.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR COVID LIKE SYMPTOMS**

- Testing is no longer required for students going home with COVID-like symptoms (unless requested by parents or guardians).
- Testing is not required for students to return to school if they have been out sick (unless requested by parents or guardians).
- Students may return to school once they are feeling better and symptoms have been resolving/resolved for 24 hours.
- Must be fever free (under 100) for 24 hours (unmedicated).
- Must be vomiting-free and diarrhea free for 24 hours (after the last episode).

#### ***COVID-19 Symptoms:***

***Fever (< 100.4 F), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue from an unknown cause, muscle or body aches from an unknown cause.***

#### **IF A STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID**

- Please inform the Health Office.
- Proof of the test result is required (cannot be a home test). The test must be completed by a medical professional. (ex. School Nurse, Pharmacy, Dr. Office)
- Students can be tested in the Health Office upon a parent's request as long as supplies are available and parents complete the consent form.
- The day of positive test results is considered day zero.
- Students must stay home from day 1 through day 5.
- Students may return on day 6 (as long as they are feeling better and symptoms are resolving for the last 24 hours).
- It is highly recommended that the student wears a mask at all times from day 6 through day 10 when returning to school.

#### **COVID POSITIVE FAMILY MEMBER**

- A student may come to school whether the student is or is not vaccinated, as long as they are symptom-free.
- If your child had COVID more than 90 days ago, a recurrence is possible.

The Health Office is no longer testing for close contacts at school unless requested by a parent or guardian.

## SAFETY PRACTICES AT SCHOOL

All individuals entering the building or a bus are self-certifying that they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms.

If a student or staff member reports one or more symptoms, they will be required to stay home until symptoms are resolving, they have been fever free unmedicated for 24 hours, and they have not had diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours. .

***Illness at School*** may occur. If a student or staff member begins to feel symptoms while at school, they should notify the office staff immediately.

### ***Follow Everyday Health Habits***

- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Sanitize or wash hands upon arrival to work
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available
  - Sanitizer will be available for use
  - Classrooms and common areas without sinks will have sanitizing stations
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

## CLEANING OF COMMON SPACES (WORK AREAS/BATHROOMS)

Each area will have hand sanitizer readily available. Sanitize or wash hands upon touching a common surface. Maintenance staff will sanitize surfaces daily.

Classroom/office spaces:

1. Univent fans are left on to bring in outside air to your classroom
2. If there are windows in the classroom, at least one window should be open
3. If there is a classroom or office without windows, an air purifier has been added to that space and should be on and running
4. Disinfectant options
  - a. Virex surface stays wet for 1 minute before being wiped down
  - b. Bioesque surface stays wet for 4 minutes before being wiped down
  - c. Alpha HP stays wet for 10 minutes before being wiped down

## CLEANING OF CLASSROOMS AND MATERIALS:

Every classroom has a bottle of Virex to use as needed. This spray is used to disinfect surfaces or materials. Contact maintenance when you need a refill.

Classrooms will be cleaned by maintenance at the end of every day.

## MANIPULATIVES/SHARED MATERIALS

Limit sharing of manipulatives and materials as much as possible. If any material is to be shared, proper cleaning needs to occur prior to another student's use. Students should use hand sanitizer before and after use.

## GROUP MEETINGS

Some meetings may be held remotely at times, utilizing Zoom. Parents of students who have an IEP or 504 will be given the option to attend the meeting in-person, via Zoom, or to have a phone conference.

## LUNCHES

Lunchrooms will once again be used at full capacity. Tables and benches will be cleaned with disinfectant before and after each lunch period.

## SNACKS

Snacks are allowed. Parents should be aware of any allergies within the class to ensure items are safe for the classroom. Students should use hand sanitizer prior to eating their snack. After snack, students should clean up their area and use hand sanitizer again.

Snack time can also be taken while utilizing an outdoor space. Hand sanitizer protocols still are to be followed as listed above. Please be sure all garbage is cleaned up prior to leaving the outdoor space.

## NURSE

### MES:

The nurse's office is located in room 203. All teachers will be given a bag of basic first aid. If a student has basic needs that can be met with the items in this bag, teachers will keep their student and use the necessary items.

If a student has a medical need, or non COVID19 related symptom, that requires the nurse, the nurse will be called prior to sending the student. The nurse will then advise the teacher on the next steps.

### MMS:

Same as mentioned above with the following details:

Room number: 1037

Extension: 1611

### Symptoms:

- New onset of moderate to severe headache from unknown cause
- Fever 100.4 or above
- New loss of taste or smell
- New cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue from an unknown cause
- Muscle or body aches and or chills
- Sore throat
- Vomiting or Diarrhea

## COVID 19 TESTING

The district will be capable of testing students and staff for COVID 19 as long as supplies are available. Testing will occur:

- If a student or staff member is showing symptoms of COVID 19, and a parent consents to testing.

**Millburn District 24**  
**2021-22 School Reopening Plan**  
*UPDATED on 8/22/2023 for SY 2022-23*  
**ARP-ESSER III Funds Use Plan**

In compliance with federal requirements for districts receiving ARP ESSER funds, the Board of Education held a 2021-22 School Reopening Plan Hearing at their August 9th meeting at 7:00 p.m., and a Hearing on the Updated Plan August 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.. In addition the District engaged parents in gathering feedback on the plan by using a feedback tool called Thoughtexchange.

An opportunity was provided for the public to give input on the plan. The hearing was held both in-person as well as streamed via YouTube. Individuals wishing to comment on the plan had the opportunity to comment in-person or via electronic means.

For the fall of 2022, District 24 is looking forward to welcoming all students to full, in-person classes. Operations will be as normal as possible following update guidance from the IDPH and CDC, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, and maximized ventilation.

In the fall of 2022, we anticipate:

- Returning to master schedules for five days a week of in-person instruction
- Returning to a typical lunchroom capacity that includes disinfection cleaning protocols between lunch groups
- Exploring and implementing needed social-emotional support that responds to COVID-19 impacts, including establishing routines and services to assist students in their return to school
- Monitoring health and vaccine updates from the county and state, and encouraging eligible staff and students to become vaccinated as their Doctors advise
- Maximizing ventilation in classrooms, and providing air purification systems for classrooms without windows, or smaller spaces
- Following recommendations for cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces
- Encouraging students and staff to stay home when sick

We were informed on August 12, 2022, that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is working to align health guidance with new CDC guidance for schools released on August 11, 2022. We will incorporate what we learn into future discussions into our plans for the school year. School operations will continue to evolve up to and throughout the school year if conditions change.

It is proposed that the district will use ESSER III funding to provide the following during the summer of 2022 through the summer of 2023:

- Summer school remediation and enrichment. The District anticipates spending \$87,877 on teacher salaries and corresponding benefits as well as \$7,100 on supplemental supplies.
- After school tutoring and remediation programming. The District anticipates spending \$13,493 in teacher salaries and corresponding benefits as well as \$3,671 in educational supplies.
- Provide personal protective equipment for students and staff. The District anticipates spending \$9,272.
- Provide cleaning supplies including disinfectant as well as hand sanitizer. The District anticipates spending \$2252.
- Provide funding for hybrid learning for students that are quarantined as determined by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Lake County Health Department. The District anticipates spending \$203,418 on teacher salaries and corresponding benefits during FY22. Any unspent money will be moved forward to other needed activities.
- Upgrade the HVAC control system at Millburn Elementary School to replace the old pneumatic control system with digital controls. This will give more control over fresh air intake as well as overall comfort levels in the classrooms in the older section. The District intends on spending \$87,341.
- Provision for an additional nurse that can support student health issues across the District. The District anticipates spending \$60,000 in salary and corresponding benefits.