

Summit Hill

▶ District 161

PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS PLAN
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19
MARCH, 2020

PURPOSE FOR A PLAN

This plan provides guidance to the school District to prepare and respond to pandemic outbreaks. Information in this plan supplements the school district's existing emergency plans.

GOALS OF THE PLAN

Goal #1 - Minimize the spread of the pandemic

Goal #2 Maintain open and regular communication and coordinate efforts with community partners

Goal #3 - Promote continuity of learning to keep students engaged in learning

Goal #4 - Promote continuity of District operations

Goal #5 - Protect the health, well being and financial stability of District employees

The school district will implement this plan under the advisement of the state and federal agencies:

- Illinois State Board of Education,
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Goal #1 -
Minimize the
spread of the
pandemic
organism through
pandemic
monitoring

Protocols have been developed for the following:


- ▶ Daily facility cleaning
- ▶ Student and Staff hygiene
- ▶ Student and Staff absence questionnaire
- ▶ Detection of virus while at school
- ▶ Quarantine


Goal #2 Communication Plan to Stakeholders

Ongoing communication to Staff, Families and the Community


- ▶ Central Command - Superintendent
- ▶ Information will be made available from several sources including the CDC, ISBE and IDPH - Director of Finance
- ▶ Protocols shared in Goal #1 - Director of Curriculum
- ▶ Identification of a confirmed case of COVID-19 - Director of Special Ed
- ▶ School Closure - via SwiftReach and Media Sites - Superintendent
- ▶ Communication to families, students and staff during a school closure - Superintendent

Goal #3 - Continuity of learning to keep students engaged in learning

 In the event of a prolonged school closure the following plan will be implemented:

 Links to our Continuity of Learning Plan will be posted on the District Website for each grade

 Student participation is not mandatory

 Participation will not be counted for grades

Pandemic Preparedness Learning Plan vs E-Learning Plan

Pandemic Preparedness Learning

- ▶ Goal is to keep students engaged in learning
- ▶ Participation is optional
- ▶ Teachers are NOT required to take attendance, monitor students or provide supports on these days

E-Learning

- ▶ Goal is to continue the academic day to avoid disruption in learning
- ▶ Participation is mandatory unless a student calls in sick
- ▶ Teachers ARE required to take attendance, monitor students, provide supports via email
- ▶ Plan must pass Regional Office of Education approval.

Goal #4 - Promote continuity of District operations

- ▶ Deep cleaning of all school facilities
- ▶ Maintenance of facilities during a prolonged closure
- ▶ Technology monitoring
- ▶ Schedule and canceling of school events
- ▶ Suspending services (i.e. milk, mail, etc.)

Goal #5 - Protect
the health, well
being and
financial stability
of District
employees

On March 13, the Board:

authorized the Superintendent to ensure the continued payment of all District 161 employees during any mandated student attendance closer in a fair and equitable manner, ensuring that no employee suffers a loss of income from the closure.

On March 14, information from ISBE:

Due to current health landscape, school districts will not be required to use or make up emergency days related to COVID-19. Any days missed due to COVID-19 shall be considered Act of God days and are not required to be made up.

COVID-19 DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE



As new information emerges, we need to be reminded that the risk of COVID-19 is not at all connected to race, ethnicity, or nationality.



Sharing accurate information during heightened concern is one of the best things we can do to keep misinformation from spreading.