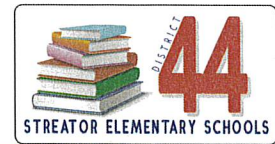


Streator Elementary School District #44



Dr. Lisa Parker, Superintendent

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January 19, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to share that the isolation/quarantine period for K-8 students and all staff members ill with COVID-19 or considered a close contact has been **reduced to five days** for anyone who has not had a fever, diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours, is unmedicated for Covid reasons and has improved symptoms before their return date. Vaccinated students, who are close contacts, are exempt from the quarantine requirement, unless they develop symptoms.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Board of Education and LaSalle County Health Department announced that the agencies have adopted CDC guidance for P-12 schools that halves the isolation and quarantine period. The Centers for Disease Control updated it's [guidance](#) for P-12 schools.

As a result, beginning on Thursday, January 20, Streater Elementary School District #44 will implement the updated guidance. Any student who is currently under a quarantine order by the District will remain with the previous return date provided to you by the school.

Students who return after 5 days will not be able to ride school buses to/from school, as our buses cannot accommodate the three-six foot requirement on days 6-10. We will ask that you transport your student on those days if you wish for them to return early. There will also be changes to lunch and breakfast procedures for those students, and that will be communicated to you by each building. Students returning to school during days 6-10 MUST wear a tightly fitting mask at all times, including outdoors, during the remainder of their quarantine period. Students must also be six feet away from other students during this time for breakfast and lunch.

As the CDC's guidance indicates, in-person learning is a priority. Thus, school aged children who are not fully vaccinated and must travel do not need to stay home and self-quarantine after travel; they should continue to attend school in-person unless they develop symptoms or are a positive Covid case.

Your building administrator will communicate directly with families impacted by the new guidance for specifics related to your child.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff and teachers. It's been an incredibly difficult year, but we will continue to push forward together.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lisa Parker'.

Dr. Lisa Parker
Superintendent