

WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127

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Friday, January 29, 2021

Over the past week, the administrative team has received numerous questions about returning to the in-person learning option, which will start on February 8. Please review the FAQs below, and please contact your child's building principal if you have any questions.

Returning to in-person learning Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Are the teachers being vaccinated?
 - a. If staff choose to be vaccinated and they can find a place to receive the vaccine.
 - i. Some Worth 127 staff have received the vaccine.
 - b. The Cook County Health Department does not have enough vaccines at this point to vaccinate all staff.
2. Is the return date a firm February 8 for the kids?
 - a. Yes, unless something drastic occurs, February 8 is a firm date.
3. How many kids will be in each classroom?
 - a. In-person class size depends on how many parents choose to send their children to school. Class sizes will be published next week. If parents have class size concerns, they should select remote or contact their child's building principal.
4. Will schedules stay the same with specials, etc.?
 - a. No, because students will attend four hours per day for five days per week, schedules will be revised.
5. Why are you only offering four hours per day, five days per week?
 - a. Because eating in close proximity has the potential to spread the virus, we are not offering lunch. Four hours seems to be the longest students should be in school without food.
6. Are we going back to in-person just to return to quarantine in a few weeks?
 - a. Recommendations from the IDPH and CCDPH play a **significant role** in the decision to quarantine.
 - b. We certainly hope not. Because social distancing is as much as possible, there is a possibility that the CCDPH might recommend quarantining an entire classroom in specific scenarios.
 - c. The following guidelines will mitigate against quarantining a classroom.
 - i. Masks will be worn at all times by staff and students.
 - ii. Water fountains are not in use. Water bottles are allowed in class.
 - iii. Principals and teachers will carefully plan bathroom breaks.
 - iv. Desks will be separated to allow space between all learners.
 - v. Each child has his or her own private space for their belongings.
 - vi. The district has supplied every classroom with disinfectant wipes and paper towels.
 - vii. Hand sanitizer is in every classroom.
 - viii. There will be no community sharing of supplies.