

RESOLUTION 07212021

**SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 160 BOARD  
OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION REGARDING IDPH GUIDANCE**

July 21, 2021

FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION IN K-12 SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2021 the IDPH formally adopted the CDC guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools.

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2021 the ISBE informed all Illinois schools to use the updated CDC guidance to start the 2021-22 school year.

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2021 the ISBE passed a resolution stating that 311 schools statewide must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days and limit remote learning to only those students under a quarantine order by a local public health department or the IDPH.

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance does not contain a mask mandate, but rather a recommendation that "masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated."

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance states that students and staff are not required to wear masks outdoors..

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance recommends that schools should work with local public health officials to determine the prevention strategies needed in their area by monitoring levels of community transmission, local vaccine coverage, and the use of screening to detect cases.

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance states, "Regardless of mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems."

WHEREAS, Seneca High School District' 160 believes that all students should have the opportunity to receive in-person learning in the least restrictive environment that maximizes their academic, physical, and mental health.

WHEREAS, Seneca High School District 160 used multiple COVID mitigation measures with success during the 2020-2021 school year to receive in-person learning without cancelling a single day of school.

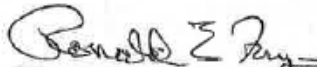
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Seneca High School District 160 Board of Education that in accordance with CDC guidance, the following recommendations are adopted for the 20 1-2022 school year.

1. All students will be provided a full day of in-person instruction.
2. As long as supported by local health data, mask usage will be **recommended** for unvaccinated individuals, but there will be no universal mask mandate for students/staff.
3. Individuals will not be required to disclose their vaccination status to school district officials. Parents, students and staff may wish to voluntarily disclose their vaccination status to avoid a mandatory quarantine for close contact with a COVID-positive person.
4. Masks will be **required** for all students/staff. While school bus and Seneca High School transportation.
5. Synchronous remote learning will not be offered. Students required to quarantine will be given the opportunity to make up work missed due to absences. According to the CDC guidance all individuals over the age of 12 are vaccine eligible and not remote learning eligible.
6. Seneca High School will continue with other health and safety prevention strategies such as:
  - social distancing of at least 3 feet
  - encouraging parents/guardians to self-check their children daily for COVID symptoms prior to school and keep them home if they display any symptoms
  - mandatory quarantines for COVID-positive students and staff
  - mandatory quarantines for unvaccinated individuals in close contact with a COVID-positive person
  - encouraging and practicing proper hand and respiratory hygiene
  - ensuring proper ventilation in all schools
  - practicing proper cleaning and disinfection of learning spaces
  - voluntary community-based or in-house COVID testing program for symptomatic students/staff
  - in accordance with CDC guidance, age eligible students (currently age 12 and older) are encouraged to receive a COVID-19 vaccine
7. School district administration will continuously monitor district and local health data and consult with local public health officials. This health data will be periodically reported to the Board of Education and school district: parents/guardians. Additionally, future circumstances could dictate necessary an?

prudent mitigation changes that will be implemented in coordination with county health departments and current local assessments.

8. Should local health data require increased mitigations (i.e. mask mandate, increased social distancing, changes in lunch service, remote learning, etc.) the Board of Education and Administration will not hesitate to make such changes to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff.

PASSED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021

  
Board of Education President

  
Board of Education Secretary

Voting No: 0

Voting Yes: 6

Abstaining: 0