



## Will County School District 92

*"Empowering each student with a love of learning"*

Walsh Elementary School  
Reed Elementary School  
Ludwig Elementary School  
Oak Prairie Junior High School

Thursday, August 26, 2021

District 92 Parents & Guardians, & Members of the Community,

As you may know, Illinois Governor, J. B. Pritzker held a COVID-19 press conference today where he issued new rules regarding indoor masking, educational employee vaccination and testing requirements.

The indoor masking order, statewide, begins Monday, August 30, and the requirement for educational employees to begin their COVID-19 vaccine regimen is September 5. All educational employees must get a COVID-19 vaccination or submit to testing weekly (or more frequently if ordered by the local health department).

We will communicate internally with our staff on the specifics of how we will verify staff vaccination status, and coordinate weekly testing as appropriate. The best source of up to date information related to COVID, including community and staff vaccination rates, may be found on the [D92 COVID webpage](#).

SHIELD saliva testing begins the week of Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 2021. The testing schedule is provided below. If you would like more information on SHIELD saliva testing in our schools, you may review the [August 9 parent presentation](#).

Monday, Aug. 30 – Soft launch (practice) of SHIELD testing – no students  
Tuesday, Aug. 31 – SHIELD testing begins with students at **Ludwig** and continues on Tuesdays  
Wednesday, Sept. 1 – SHIELD testing begins with students at **Walsh** and continues on Wednesdays  
Thursday, Sept. 2 – SHIELD testing begins with students at **Reed** and continues on Thursdays  
Friday, Sept. 3 – SHIELD testing begins with students at **Oak Prairie** and continues on Fridays

Once the SHIELD testing is running smoothly, we plan to open the testing up to D92 families as needed. More information will be shared on this when we are ready to implement it.

We are using an opt-out process for students if their parents do not want them to be tested. Parents may exercise their right to opt-out their child [completing this form](#) and returning it to the District 92 Office at 708 N. State St., Lockport, IL, 60441.

As I have had said many times over the past two months, **our focus is safe, in-person learning**. We're proud to be open, full day and full time and fully in person. Thank you for your support and understanding, and thank you for allowing us to lead and serve the educational needs for each child, every day!

Sincerely,

Tim Arnold, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

