

Hollis Grade School #328

Return to School Plan 2021-2022



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All guidelines and recommendations are subject to change based on current conditions and as updated guidance is released.

Hollis Grade School will resume in-person instruction five days a week for the 2021-2022 school year. School hours will be 8:15 - 3:15. Hollis Grade School may need to move to remote learning as certain health circumstances arise amongst our staff, students, and families.

Wellness

Hollis Grade School is committed to the health and safety of our students, staff, and their families. The following plan has been developed with that in mind. While our plan specifies guidelines for our staff and students to follow, everyone's health and safety is dependent on each individual. Each of us will play a role in our collective safety.

Social Distancing and Movement

Hollis Grade School students and staff are encouraged to maintain social/physical distancing, when possible, throughout the school day. To effectively accomplish in-person instruction, although 3 feet of physical distance is preferred, space limitations in classrooms may result in less than 3 feet of physical distance, in some instances.

Face Coverings

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) voted against extending the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) emergency rule on school mask mandates. In light of this development, our district is highly recommending students and staff continue wearing masks in alignment with guidance from the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC); however, masks will no longer be required regardless of vaccination status.

- Face coverings should cover the mouth and nose and fit snugly against the sides of the face with no gaps.
- Face coverings must be worn while riding the bus or van to and from school. Masking is universally required on buses and school-related transportation. The CDC's order requires that regardless of the mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses.
- Reusable face coverings should be machine washed or washed by hand and allowed to dry completely after each use.
- A supply of disposable face coverings will be maintained in the event that a staff member, student, or visitor does not have one for use.

Hand Hygiene

Frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing are key to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Hollis Grade School will encourage frequent and proper handwashing and will ensure the availability of supplies, such as soap and paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue, etc., for all grade levels and in all common areas of the building. Staff and students should clean hands as often as possible, including both before and after entering a new space, with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol may be used.

Student & Staff Illness

Only students and staff who are healthy should report to school. At home symptom screening is required for all staff and students. When you report to school, you are certifying that you are COVID symptom free. Students and staff with any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 must remain home:

- Fever
- Cough or shortness of breath
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscles & body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Any staff or student who has a fever or any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home from school. To return to school, students and staff must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Symptoms should be resolved prior to returning to school.

Hollis Grade School will request specific symptom reporting when absences are reported along with COVID-19 diagnoses. Positive COVID case information will be documented and shared with the local health department.

Any student or staff member who begins to exhibit COVID-19 like symptoms during the school day must report to the office. Students who are ill will not be allowed to ride the bus home. These individuals must monitor symptoms and return to school when healthy.

Students who test positive must isolate per CDC/IDPH guidelines. Hollis will defer to the IDPH decision tree and the local health department for isolation guidance, adaptive pauses, and symptom monitoring, as guidelines are subject to change.

Every effort will be made to notify parents if a child has been in close contact with a confirmed positive case. Close contacts without symptoms will not be required to quarantine unless directed by the local Health Department. Instead, families should monitor for any emerging COVID-19 symptoms.

Visitor Policy

Visitors must be restricted to authorized personnel only. To the greatest extent possible, visitors will not have access to the building in general. If there is not a need for visitors to enter, Hollis Grade School will sign a student in and out. If a child needs to leave early for an appointment, the parent should call the school office when they arrive.

Day to Day Operations

Bus/Van Transportation

Hollis will follow the CDC, IDPH, and PCCHD guidelines regarding bus and van transportation.

General Guidance: Classrooms

- Seating will be arranged for social distancing, when possible, and will arrange seating facing the same direction as much as possible.
- Common areas and tables will be spaced reasonably 3 feet apart. Windows will remain open for increased ventilation as much as possible.
- Restroom and handwashing breaks will be scheduled and coordinated throughout the day.
- Classrooms will be cleaned at least daily.
- Hollis will continue to have weekly disinfection and sanitation through Getz Industrial Cleaning.

General Guidance: Hallways, Office, and Common Areas

- Physical distancing must be observed to the greatest extent possible.
- High touch areas will be cleaned throughout the day.

General Guidance: Cafeteria

- Physical distancing must be observed to the greatest extent possible.
- Handwashing breaks will be provided prior to entering the cafeteria.
- High touch areas will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Cafeteria seats will be assigned to students, and whenever possible, tables will be used at alternating lunch periods.

General Guidance: Gymnasium

- Physical distancing must be observed to the greatest extent possible.
- Students will participate in PE activities.
- When at all possible, PE class will take place outside.

General Guidance: Recess

- Physical distancing must be observed to the greatest extent possible.
- Students will be allowed to play on the playground equipment

General Guidance: Restrooms and Drinking Fountains

- Physical distancing must be observed to the greatest extent possible.
- Restroom breaks will be scheduled to stagger use and maintain social distancing.
- Reusable water bottles will be encouraged and paper cups will be provided at all drinking fountains.

Instruction

The State Superintendent has determined that days of instruction must include at least 5 clock hours. This includes all in-person plans and remote learning plans. Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, in-person instruction, the teacher delivering instruction via recorded video or synchronous platform, remote small group work via platforms such as Google Meet, Zoom, or conference calls.

Hollis In-person instructional

- School hours will be 8:15 - 3:15.
- Students may arrive no earlier than 8:00 AM.
- Students will receive all traditional course offerings.

Hollis Remote Instruction

- Daily remote instruction is available to those students who are or have a family member who is medically fragile.
- Daily remote instruction is available to students who have tested positive and are in isolation. The frequency of instruction will vary by grade level. Instruction during isolation will consist of a combination of synchronous and asynchronous.
- Remote instruction and learning is not used for excused absences or vacations. It is a last resort to be used for quarantining situations.
- Students will be held to the same expectations as those participating in the in-person model. This includes late work policies and grading policies.
- Workloads will be the same regardless of the instructional model chosen.
- Students will be responsible for watching live or pre-recorded lessons and submitting any accompanying work.
- A device and web access will be required for the remote learning option. Parents will need to maintain this device and web access in their homes for student access to lessons, personalized learning, and assignment retrieval.

Additional Information

- All extracurricular activities will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for feasibility
- All athletics will follow the guidelines provided by the IESA.
- All changes in our current plan or pertinent announcements from ISBE or IDPH will be communicated to families and staff via Blackboard Connect, the school website, and Hollis social media. Please make sure your information is updated on our announcement platform.
- Hollis administration and staff will continue to monitor the situation. These guidelines and requirements are subject to change as recommendations are updated.

Hollis Grade School will determine mitigation levels by consulting Peoria County and school metrics on a regular basis. Each mitigation level has additional levels of support to minimize transmission of COVID-19. These metrics include Test Positivity; New Cases per 100,000; New Cases; and Youth Case Increase. These metrics and the most current data can be accessed at <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/data/countymetrics/countyschool.html?county=Peoria>

Mitigation Level 1 - MINIMAL

At least two of the four IDPH Metrics for Peoria County are Minimal and/or Moderate and/or Hollis positive cases and quarantine counts are minimal and constant.

- Masks are recommended and may be suggested if closer than 3 feet for more than 15 minutes.
- 3 feet will be maintained between students whenever possible.
- Students and staff will complete at-home screening for COVID-19 symptoms.

Mitigation Level 2 - MODERATE

Three of the four IDPH Metrics for Peoria County are Moderate and/or Substantial and/or Hollis positive cases and quarantine counts are rising.

- Masks are recommended and may be suggested if closer than 3 feet for more than 15 minutes.
- 3 feet will be maintained between students whenever possible.
- Students and staff will complete at-home screening for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students may not be allowed to congregate during unstructured times (i.e. passing periods).
- Passing periods may be staggered to allow for more social distancing in hallways.
- Field trips, assemblies, and some programs may be canceled or postponed.

Mitigation Level 3 - SUBSTANTIAL

Three of the four IDPH Metrics for Peoria County are Substantial and/or Hollis positive cases and/or quarantine counts are rising or are substantial.

- Masks will be required for ALL students and staff.
- 3 to 6 feet will be maintained between students whenever possible.
- Students will not be allowed to congregate during unstructured times.
- Passing periods will be staggered to allow for more distancing in the hallways.
- Field trips, assemblies, and some programs may be canceled or postponed.
- Remote learning may be considered as a last resort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Mask Noncompliance if Hollis School is in Mitigation Level 3

In order to assist families with understanding how the mask-related issues will be addressed, this document has been developed in consultation with the Hollis School Board and the district legal counsel.

Failure to comply with the mask requirement on the school bus:

If	Then
The student is at the bus stop without a mask.	Bus driver will provide the student with a disposable mask and remind the student that all bus riders are required to wear a mask for the safety of self and others on the bus.
The student complies and puts on the mask.	Student will be allowed to board the bus and sit in their assigned seat. No further action is needed.
The student refuses to put on the mask.	The driver will remind the student of the expectation. If the parent is at the bus stop, the parent will be asked to take the student home and contact the school. If the parent is not at the bus stop, the student will board the bus and be instructed to sit up front in a separate seat. Student will be transported to school and the matter will be dealt with by school administration and parents will be contacted.

Failure to comply with the mask requirement in school and/or classroom if following mitigation level 3:

If	Then
The student arrives at school/classroom without a mask.	Teacher will provide a verbal reminder that masks are required for the safety of self and others. The student will be offered a disposable mask if they don't have one.
The student complies and puts on the mask.	No further action needed.
The student refuses to put on the mask.	Teacher reminds student of expectation and contacts administration.

If at any point, administration is called, all attempts will be made to help the student comply with the mask policy, including parent notification. If the student continues to refuse masking, the student will not be allowed to return to class. Instead, the student will be sent to a designated area where the student can complete the day's work. Increasing school consequences according to the school student handbook will apply for non-compliance.