



January 7, 2022

Dear SPEED District 802 Families and Staff,

We are continuing to prioritize the health and safety of our school community through these unprecedented COVID-19 challenges. Earlier this week I notified you that our district would be implementing two eLearning days on Thursday, January 6th and Friday, January 7th. Additionally, I informed you that we would still host our weekly COVID-19 SHIELD testing on Wednesday of this week. Due to the receipt of high COVID-19 positive results from these tests, along with previously reported positive cases, it has become necessary for our district to take an "Adaptive Pause" from in-person learning and provide remote learning for the next two weeks.

Hence, SPEED District 802 will be in remote learning during this Adaptive Pause from **Tuesday, January 11, 2022 through Friday, January 21, 2022**. All students and staff will return in-person on **Monday, January 24, 2022**. This decision was not taken lightly and was made in consultation with the Cook County Department of Public Health.

What does this mean for students?

Students will engage in virtual learning and services from home over the next two weeks. If you have any questions regarding your child's device or schoolwork, please call the district at 708-481-6100 or email your child's school Principal.

What is an "Adaptive Pause?"

An "Adaptive Pause" is closing a classroom or building(s) in response to high positivity rates and allowing us to continue with instruction. This is not a full return to remote learning for an indefinite period of time. All students and staff are expected to return to school on **Monday, January 24, 2022**.

Why is this decision being made now?

While we knew that we had positive cases in our district prior to our Wednesday SHIELD testing, after the results were provided from these tests our district exceeded the required 10% threshold established by the Cook County Department of Public Health, with some programs being much higher than 10 percent.

Will SHIELD testing still be offered on Wednesdays during the Adaptive Pause?

Yes. SHIELD will continue to be onsite at our main campus located at 1125 Division Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411 on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 and Wednesday, January 19, 2022 from 7:45 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. All students and staff are welcome to participate as your schedule permits. Staff who have not previously tested with SHIELD will need to submit the following to their program nurse to be registered prior to testing: Name, Date of Birth, Address, Email and Phone. Additionally, SPEED in partnership with IDPH will be hosting a vaccination clinic on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m at 1125 Division Street, Chicago, IL 60411 (see flyer on next page).

Are lunches still provided?

Yes. Families will still be provided lunch for students during this Adaptive Pause. Lunches will be delivered to the child's home on a weekly basis on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 and again on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.


We appreciate your support in helping us navigate these challenging times. We will continue to prioritize excellence in education through meaningful and engaging teaching and learning. Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate yet another surge in this pandemic.


Respectfully,

Dr. Tina Halliman

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Superintendent of Schools





 State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Public Health

COVID-19 Protect Yourself

Vaccine Clinic Scheduled

The State of Illinois is partnering with

SPEED School District 802

to bring a free vaccine clinic to an area near you.

Date:

Start Time:

End Time:

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized and recommended for persons 5 years of age and older.


HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Schedule your appointment at

Walk Ins Welcome
<https://tinyurl.com/4eactn4c>
ADULT VACCINES AVAILABLE

LOCATIONS:

SPEED School District 802
1125 Division St, Chicago Heights, IL 60411



Can't make this event? Find a clinic near you by visiting www.vaccines.gov
Hotline: 1-833-621-1284



Questions about COVID-19?
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Illinois Department of Public Health - www.dph.illinois.gov

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