University Primary School COVID plan at-a-glance 2021-22 AY

As informed by the CDC in their [Guidance for COVID prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevent.html) and our Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health joint guidance document for a [Full Return to In-Person Learning for All Students](https://www.idoipd.org/resources/ReturnToLearningGuidance/2021-22_BRG.pdf), the University Primary School community plans a full return to school with a continued commitment to Health & Safety. Please see University Primary School’s website for more specific details on our COVID prevention measures.

- Social Distancing placement in classrooms is 3 feet or greater with small pods of learners in spaces.
- Mask wearing for all individuals (regardless of vaccination status) is required both indoors and outdoors.
- Lunch and snack will take place outdoors as much as possible. When eating indoors, individuals will have staggered schedules or spread out into multiple spaces in order to maintain 6 feet, unmasked.
- Cleaning of high touch surfaces, University standard cleaning, hand sanitizing, and handwashing will be attended to for optimum hygiene.
- Symptom screening and temperature checks are conducted daily at drop off, prior to entering school.
- Individuals with COVID symptoms will not be permitted to attend school until a negative COVID test confirms they do not test positive for COVID (regardless of vaccination status).
- Community COVID-19 testing of children once weekly will be maintained for a child to attend school.
- All staff and University of Illinois students are fully vaccinated.
- The vaccine is not yet available for children 12 and under.
- Limited school visitors including families will be permitted only as necessary; virtual visitors including prospective families, etc. are welcome.
- Optional, whole-school family gatherings may take place outdoors with all participants masked.
- Preschool families will drop children off outdoors at the playground and K-5th families at the circle drive (dismissal procedure is the same).
- Indoors, school children remain in designated Uni Primary spaces within the Children’s Research Center building; bathrooms for 2-5th graders match distancing requirements and masks are worn.
- Walking field trips outdoors are encouraged; virtual field trips/guest speakers are welcome.
- A CUPHD School-COVID liaison will advise and be available to staff and families for specific support.
- At this time there is no “remote learning” option at Uni Primary; there may be certain situations (such as quarantine for an individual) that warrant remote learning for a time period.
- Travel is discouraged. For individuals who must travel domestically or internationally, it is expected that strict adherence to public health travel guidelines be maintained, including quarantine and testing when returning from travel or a Test to Stay option may be available if no symptoms occur.
- The Test to Stay option is also possible for masked, close contacts as advised by public health.
- 2 or more epidemiologically linked cases in one cohort constitute an outbreak and the entire cohort will be remote for at least 10 days.
- Cases will be shared with families; anonymity will be preserved. A family in a single positive-case cohort may choose to remote with limited synchronous learning options.
- At this time there is not a remote option at Uni Primary, however, we are still in worldwide pandemic and specific family situations will be eligible for remote learning at the discretion of the Director and teachers.
- We are prepared to pivot to hybrid and remote learning, should a Phase change occur in Illinois.
- Uni Primary has been The College of Education’s Lab School for over 40 years; as a lab school we have a calling to inspire future teachers and provide a nurturing and intellectually rich space for researchers, staff, children, and families. We will build from our many experiences in spring and fall of 2020 and spring of 2021.