

REMEMBER
WHY YOU
STARTED



Deep Breaths

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Friday, February 12th, 2021

Friday Recap

Sara

Discussed and opened the call with.

- Deep breaths.
- Almost every county in Illinois has begun vaccinating eligible individuals in the 1b category and we will continue to see expanded vaccination opportunities.
- We also continue to see more districts utilizing testing as an additional mitigation effort.

Steph

Discussed updated guidance on travel. . .

- The IDPH recently updated guidance on quarantine restrictions after travel.
- Districts will need to consider how they will address these recommendations, especially as we near spring break.
- Districts should do a risk analysis to decide how to address the recommendations.

Darcy

Discussed updates to the CDC Guidance. . .

- The CDC released new guidance for school districts, with a significant emphasis on mitigating measures and community transmission.
- While there was some anticipation the CDC would provide some flexibility with the six feet social distancing requirement, this does not appear to be the case with a limited exception.
- The CDC appears to have made some minor changes to COVID symptoms and we'll have to see if the IDPH adopts these changes.

Rob

Discussed liability considerations. . .

- In reviewing the CDC guidance, it is clear that the authors understand the important role that schools play in our society and the importance of protecting schools.
- While we will have to wait to see how IDPH and ISBE approach the guidance, this guidance suggests less deference to local decision-making, as has been provided by IDPH and ISBE.
- As we wait for more guidance from IDPH and ISBE, it may be helpful for districts to compare their current mitigation practices to those outlined in the CDC guidance.

Elizabeth

Discussed updates to Illinois sports.

- The IDPH released updated guidance that continues to lessen restrictions and allow students to be more active and engaged in sports.
- The guidance includes sport-specific updates, as well as general updates on spectators and interleague competition.

Laura

Discussed hot topics in special education . .

- It is important to remind teams to adhere to timelines, collect data, share goal updates, and document what you are doing to support students.
- It is likely that districts will need to continue to offer a remote platform for ESY and the 2021-22 school year.
- As districts may see an increase in requests for therapeutic day schools it is important to consider the overall needs of the whole child when determining placement.

See you next week.
On Friday, Feb, 19th.
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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