



## BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS District 87

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Dear District 87 Families,

As we near the one year mark of the COVID pandemic, our schools continue to adjust and accommodate practices to provide robust and safe learning experiences for all students.

**After careful consideration, District 87 has made the decision to increase the amount of in-person learning days for hybrid students in all grade levels starting March 30.**

In-person students in prekindergarten at Sarah Raymond will attend the school for instruction 5 days a week (Monday-Friday). In-person students at all other grade levels K-12 will attend school for instruction 4 days a week (Tuesday-Friday). Mondays will continue to be a remote learning day for all students in grades K-12.

**There will be no student attendance on Monday, March 29.** Staff will use this as a Remote Learning Planning Day to prepare for students' return. This will take the place of the previously scheduled April 12 Remote Learning Planning Day. Visit [www.district87.org/calendar](http://www.district87.org/calendar) for more important dates.

### Important things to note:

- Schedules and assigned teachers will remain the same district-wide. Remote Learning students will keep the same practices for the remainder of the school year.
- Students will not have the option to switch between learning models (remote or in-person). Families with concerns should contact their school principal.
- Positivity rates in Bloomington-Normal and McLean Country have stayed consistently low for several weeks. [Positive cases for students and staff in our schools have also remained very low or at zero.](#)
- D87 schools will be able to meet nearly all safety recommendations from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the CDC, with the exception of 6-feet of social distancing. Acrylic desktop barriers will be available in classrooms where a full 6-feet of social distancing is not possible. Schools will continue to follow [these safety protocols](#).
- In a survey sent to in-person families last month, results (representing 44% of families) showed over 80% of families were comfortable sending their students to school 4-5 days a week, knowing social distancing could not always be followed.
- Nearly all staff members will have had the opportunity to receive the first COVID vaccination dose, if not both, by the end of March.

The district will continue to monitor local data and make adjustments to the learning plan if needed and we will keep families informed. For updates and more detailed information, visit [www.district87.org/covid](http://www.district87.org/covid). Questions can be directed to [connect@district87.org](mailto:connect@district87.org).

Thank you for your continued support of education in Bloomington Public Schools.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Barry Reilly  
Superintendent of Schools