

# Tracking COVID-19 in Your Community

**In-Person Learning Resources for Parents and Caregivers  
at Chicago Public Schools** — A Resource Created by Healthy  
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Public health guidance now states that the decision to open schools to in-person learning should be determined based on rates of in-school transmission and the ability to use infection control protocol in buildings, and not based on community spread. (Community spread refers to how many people have been infected with the virus in a specific geographic area.)

In addition, updated public health guidance prioritizes younger students (in grades K - 5) for in person learning, even in areas with high community spread. CPS is opening for in-person learning only to students in grades K - 8. High school students will remain in remote learning at this point.

CPS is sharing data about COVID-19 cases to keep families, students, and staff informed about in-school transmission on its [school re-opening website](#). (Scroll down to the bottom of the page under “Tracking COVID-19: Actionable Cases” to view those numbers.) These figures are also updated in a [public spreadsheet](#). Cases may be sorted by school building. Case counts are updated weekly on Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) after impacted individuals are notified. Case counts represent the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases associated with CPS buildings. This data only includes people who were present in CPS buildings during the contagious period. As schools reopen, it will be important for CPS to continuously update in-school transmission information every week.

CPS also [has published a document](#) that shares data on each school building’s preparedness for re-opening. Data is updated regularly with information about the facilities and the delivery of materials and supplies to support safe reopening of the building. Parents and caregivers may check this spreadsheet to see more specifically which remediations have been made at their school building, or to communicate with leaders and administrators in your school building about health and safety. Refer to this document when communicating with the administrators in your building about the measures taken to promote health and safety.

*The best practices in this document are based on guidelines provided by [the Path to Zero from the Brown School of Public Health](#), [Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health](#) and the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).*