



# SEDOL Programs Educational Update

This document is designed to provide information for the SEDOL community during the COVID Pandemic. It is important to highlight that this information is fluid and constantly being evaluated and updated. It will be reported out to the SEDOL Community every two weeks.

In preparing for in school learning and for ongoing decision making, the following factors have been considered:

1. Local metrics provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) availability and mitigation strategies in place
3. Staffing Available
4. Facilities Available

<b>District Wide Summary 11/19/2021</b>	
<b>Regional Metrics</b>	
The CDC indicators reviewed document a high community transmission on the LCHD website and that mitigation measures decrease the risk of COVID-19 spread when consistently followed. SEDOL continues to partner with the Lake County Health Department regarding safety procedures.	
<b>PPE and Certification Process Required</b>	
<b>PPE Inventory Onsite</b> - All required PPE for on site staff is available including N95 masks for custodial staff. Daily staff and students should self check for symptoms prior to entering into any SEDOL building or program.	<b>PPE Inventory Needed</b> - None at this time
<b>Staffing Available and Facilities Available</b>	
SEDOL has hired for all teaching positions or has filled them with highly qualified substitutes familiar with the specific program assigned. SEDOL continues to actively recruit certified staff and paraprofessionals across the district. All facilities follow social distancing recommendations and have work areas for staff. All facilities at this time allow for social distancing to the greatest extent possible when students are in person. 86% of SEDOL staff are fully vaccinated.	
<b>Symptomatic COVID Testing on SEDOL Campus</b>	
<b>Testing Onsite Requirements In Place</b> - CLIA Waiver approved, waste management procedures in place, standing doctor order achieved, written procedures and consent forms finalized, Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen tests arrived and have been delivered. SEDOL has begun to offer vaccinated individuals testing when determined to be a close contact during days 5 to 7 as recommended by CDC. SEDOL has partnered with O'Hare Laboratories to offer non-vaccinated staff weekly testing at 7 different sites with a PCR test. SEDOL offers weekly PCR testing to all staff members at various sites. SEDOL offers regular voluntary testing to students.	<b>Testing Onsite Requirements Needed</b> - All in place

## Current Building Status:

All decisions below are dependent on the community metrics at that time. The next update will be on December 3, 2021. Based on the current metrics and SEDOL's mitigation steps:

- All students attending a SEDOL class in person must wear a mask or have a doctor's note on file to outline mask exceptions to continue to attend in person. When medical documentation is in place and students are unable to wear a mask, SEDOL staff will layer up personal protective equipment.
- All students and staff attending or working in a SEDOL classroom must complete COVID-19 symptom checking prior to entering the school building. It is mandatory for all students to check for symptoms of COVID-19 each day prior to attending in person learning. Temperatures will continue to be taken of all students upon arrival to a SEDOL classroom.
- SEDOL staff and students are eligible, if they become symptomatic at school, to be voluntarily tested using the BinaxNOW antigen test. The BinaxNOW test is able to confirm a probable case, but not confirm a negative case. Testing is provided at no costs to SEDOL staff and students.
- If a vaccinated individual is considered to be a close contact due to a SEDOL exposure, they are eligible to be tested using the BinaxNOW test at one of the SEDOL campus locations at the recommended timeline of 5 to 7 days. This has been updated this week by CDC. Testing is provided at no costs to SEDOL staff and students.
- SEDOL Staff who are part of the mandatory testing weekly will be done on Monday for individuals scheduled on Monday or Thursday and on Tuesday for those scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday during the week of 11/22.
- SEDOL has partnered with O'Hare Laboratories to offer free weekly testing to non-vaccinated staff as part of the Governor's Emergency Order.
- In addition, SEDOL has partnered with O'Hare Laboratories to offer voluntary free weekly testing to all staff at various locations. Staff interested in this program should contact Sara Martinez at [smartinez@sedol.us](mailto:smartinez@sedol.us).
- SEDOL parents/guardians interested in possibly having their children participate in voluntary weekly testing should contact Val Donnan at [vdonnan@sedol.us](mailto:vdonnan@sedol.us). SEDOL offers voluntary weekly testing to students.
- SEDOL is not eligible to participate in the Lake County Health Department's Test to Stay Program due to mitigation measures within our programs including students medically unable to wear masks.
- 34% of SEDOL staff and students have experienced some sort of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19 since August 16, 2021.
- SEDOL has partnered with IDPH and will host a vaccination clinic on December 18th (note change of date) and tentatively on January 8th on the SEDOL, Gages Lake campus. This is a walk-in clinic from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All vaccines will be available for ages 5 to 11. Pre-registration is encouraged for the 12/18 date to avoid longer wait times. Please email Sara Martinez to pre-register at [smartinez@sedol.us](mailto:smartinez@sedol.us)
- SEDOL began on 11/15/2021 to open buildings after school hours for prospective or transitioning students and member district tours.
- SEDOL began on 11/15/2021 to allow fully vaccinated educational contractual individuals to service inside of the school during school day wearing required PPE and following all mitigation measures.
- Travel Guidance - SEDOL students and staff who travel domestically by air and are not fully vaccinated will need to be quarantined for 7 days with being tested during day 3 to 5 or for 10 days without a test.

Also, SEDOL students and staff who travel internationally and are not fully vaccinated will need to self-quarantine for 7 days with a negative test or 10 days without a test.