

Dear Haines Families,

I cannot tell you how happy we are to have your children back in school every day learning and growing alongside their teachers and peers. I know you share that feeling, but I also know that a lot of anxiety remains around the COVID-19 pandemic and what is being done in school to keep everyone safe.

I want to assure you that our school is the best, safest place for your children to be. Our safety protocols, which include wearing masks, staying distanced wherever possible, and regularly washing our hands, are doing their job. We know this to be true, because cases of the virus in CPS schools remain very low, and the data is showing us that schools are not a significant source of spread for COVID-19. Almost all cases of COVID among students and staff have been isolated incidents. As of October 8, there have been only 17 instances across all of CPS reported to CDPH where more than one individual in a school setting — a classroom or a program — were infected with COVID at the same time, and never more than four individuals at the same time.

I am proud to say that COVID-19 testing is now up and running in our school, and I encourage all parents who have not yet done so to sign their children up [here](#). The results we are seeing from this testing are encouraging. Fewer than 0.2 percent of those tested district-wide - less than two out of every 1,000 CPS students and staff - have tested positive for COVID-19, confirming that schools are not a significant source of spread for COVID. I am very much in favor of this weekly testing, as it is helping us keep the number of COVID-19 cases in our school low and is assisting us in preventing COVID-19 outbreaks in our classrooms.

The district has made great strides in contact tracing too, with nearly 93 percent of reported cases now being fully investigated within 48 hours. As a CPS parent, I know how important it is to know quickly if your child has been exposed to COVID-19, so CPS will continue adjusting this process until that 48-hour timeframe reaches 100 percent.

If your child has been quarantined, your first concern is obviously their health. But from the conversations I've had with many families, I know you are also concerned about the impact being away from school will have on their education. I share that concern, and am always eager to get students back in the classroom as quickly as possible. So I was glad to learn that effective Saturday, October 9, CPS is shortening the quarantine timeline for students and staff impacted by COVID-19 from 14 to 10 days.

This decision was made in accordance with advice from trusted public health experts, including the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and puts CPS in line with other large school districts around the country. We will always base our decisions on the science, and this change is no exception. The science is telling us that when there is a COVID-19 case, 98 percent of those identified as close contacts do not go on to develop COVID-19.

My goal in sharing this data is to create a feeling of trust about how SCHOOL NAME is managing the pandemic. You can visit CPS' [new COVID site](#) for data about our school and the district at large.

These are challenging times, but by working together, we can maintain a safe learning environment for students and staff. We will continue to be transparent in order to ensure trust in our school community.

I thank you for your support and partnership and urge you to reach out to me at any time if you have questions or concerns.

Note that this is also the sentiment from our new CEO, Pedro Martinez.

Sincerely,
Catherine Amy Moy Davis

尊敬的 HAINES 家长：

让孩子每天都能回到学校，与老师和同伴一起学习和成长，我们的喜悦无以言表。我知道，您可能也有同感，但我也深知，围绕着 2019 冠状病毒病（COVID-19）疫情，以及学校为确保每个人的安全所做的工作，仍然存在很多焦虑。

我想向您保证，于您孩子而言，我们的学校是最好、最安全的地方。我们的安全方案，包括佩戴口罩、尽可能保持距离、定期洗手，正在发挥作用。我们知道，情况确实如此，芝加哥公立学校（CPS）中的病毒病例仍然很低，数据表明，学校不是新冠肺炎的重要传播源。在学生和教职员工中，几乎所有新冠肺炎病例都是孤立事件。截至 10 月 8 日，CPS 一共向芝加哥公共卫生局（CDPH）报告了 17 起在学校环境（教室或课程计划）中有一人以上同时感染新冠肺炎的个案，且同时感染的人数从未超过四人。

我很自豪地说，新冠肺炎检测现已在我们学校启动并运行，我鼓励所有尚未报名的家长在[此处](#)为孩子报名。检测的结果振奋人心。在全学区范围内接受检测的人员中，只有不到 0.2%（每 1,000 名 CPS 学生和教职员工中不到 2 人）的人在新冠肺炎检测中呈阳性，这证实学校不是新冠肺炎的重要传播源。我非常赞成每周进行一次检测，这有助于我们将学校中新冠肺炎病例的数量保持在较低水平，并帮助我们预防在教室中爆发新冠疫情。

学区在接触者追踪方面也取得了长足的进步，近 93% 的报告病例现已在 48 小时内得到全面调查。作为家长，我深知，快速了解孩子是否接触过新冠肺炎有多重要，因此，CPS 将继续调整该过程，直到 48 小时内的调查达到 100%。

如果孩子已经被隔离，您首先关心的显然是他们的健康。但是，通过和许多家庭的谈话，我了解到，您也担心离开学校会对他们的教育产生影响。我也有这种担忧，所以，始终渴望让学生尽快回到课堂。因此，我很高兴获悉，从 10 月 9 日星期六开始，CPS 将受新冠肺炎影响的学生和教职员工的隔离时间从 14 天缩短为 10 天。

这一决定是根据值得信赖的公共卫生专家的建议做出的，包括芝加哥公共卫生局（CDPH）、伊利诺伊公共卫生局（IDPH）和美国疾病控制与预防中心（CDC），且 CPS 与全国其他大型学区的

政策一致。我们将始终在科学的基础上做出决定，上述调整也不例外。科学告诉我们，当出现新冠肺炎病例时，98% 被确定为密切接触者的人不会继续发展为新冠肺炎。

我分享这些数据是为了让您相信，HAINES 对管控疫情的努力和决心。您可以访问 CPS [新的新冠肺炎网站](#)，了解我们学校和整个学区的数据。

这是一个充满挑战的时期，但通过共同努力，我们可以为学生和教职员工营造一个安全的学习环境。我们将继续保持透明，不会辜负您对学校社区的信任。

衷心感谢您的支持和合作，如果您有任何问题或疑虑，请随时与我联系。

请注意，以上是我们新任首席执行官佩德罗·马丁内斯 (Pedro Martinez) 的观点。

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