

Questions collected by Raise Your Hand for IL Public Education from CPS parents, caregivers, and educators via social media & email. October 2020.
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What happens if someone in a Pod has a Medical mask exemption? Will parents be notified if a child (or teacher) has this exemption? Parents need to know this when making a decision about whether to send their child to school in-person vs. virtual. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If I choose to send my child to school, do I have to sign a Waiver of Liability releasing CPS from fault if my child contracts COVID from classmates/teacher/staff? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What type of staff person is staffing the Care Rooms? Nurse? Some other staff person? How will differentiation be made between kids who are sick with COVID vs. sick with another illness, or sent to the Care Room vs. the Nurses office? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If PreK is 5 days a week, then when will deep cleanings take place? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

My PreK-4 daughter has a hearing device and she isn't able to maneuver her mask with the hearing device (we are trying to work on this, but she just doesn't have the motor skills to do it). Will a teacher/aide be able to help her with this in class? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

There has been no guidance regarding the CPS Montessori programs (i.e., Drummond, Suder, etc.). This is a different model compared to the traditional PreK programs and there needs to be a different set of guidelines. What are the guidelines? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

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Mask wearing is going to be difficult for younger students, no doubt, and other students with sensory issues. What happens if a student takes off their mask in the Pod? Are they disciplined? What if it is a recurring issue? Is the child disciplined? Removed from class?

If removed from the Pod, where do they go? To the "Care Room" to potentially be exposed to others' germs? There is currently not enough guidance around student mask compliance issues in the Framework document. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

My PreK-4 child with an IEP currently receives minutes with a speech therapist, DHH teacher, and social worker via the computer remotely. If we choose to continue with remote learning will these services continue to be provided remotely? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Who will be my child's remote teacher? She is currently being taught by her regular Pre-K teacher remotely. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Currently, the quality of work being assigned to students during remote learning is inconsistent and often below their abilities. What is being done to ensure students are assigned work that is doable but still challenging? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Some schools are sending parents 5 week reports on student learning and progress, while it seems as though other schools are sending parents weekly reports. Is there any effort to improve communication with parents in a more standardized way? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Our school is over 40% ELL, and we've lost out on translation in the classroom since teachers who speak different languages can't pop in and help out like before. Will there be efforts to address this language gap in remote learning? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Certain schools are being taught at a higher level than others (especially Northside vs. Southside). Seems like you have to be in the selective enrollment schools to be taught at a higher level. How will CPS close this gap? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

There seems to be an insistence that the only legit instruction is synchronous, but students are overwhelmed and drained by too much continuous screen time. Will CPS explore encouraging less synchronous time per day? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Diverse learner not receiving clear-cut enough instruction and the school says this is just an issue for all parents. For diverse learners who choose to stay remote, will there be a commitment to meeting their needs? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

We have students being punished for being exhausted online after 5 hours, an amount of screen time well-beyond the recommended daily amounts for children. Will there be updated discipline policies that reflect this as remote learning continues? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Assuming remote learning continues to use Google Platform, will teachers be given extra training and resources to improve instruction? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Has there been consideration of adopting different remote learning schedules for different student age groups? The amount of online school that can be handled by students is different for first graders than for high schoolers. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

I feel helpless being a part of CPS in that change won't happen and the idea of being in person seems impossible. Can parents expect a survey from CPS at any point where we can ask more questions and give input? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If you have kids in the same class (like twins), why can't you just have them on one stream? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

CPS didn't seem to take any suggestions from the CTU SPED committee, and hasn't been transparent with parents or teachers. Will CPS listen to teachers and allow more teacher autonomy during remote learning? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will schools be making use of outdoor spaces to minimize risk? If so, what are the protocols around using outdoor spaces? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How can we collaborate among our schools in our neighborhoods where we have similar problems and maybe similar solutions? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

We would have to staff up the schools to provide remote and in-person, which would require funds...where would they come from? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Given the hits to the CPS budget, can we be assured that there will be adequate cleaning supplies and other necessary resources in schools that are operating in person? If so, where would these funds come from? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

CDC guidelines refer to neighborhoods with high positivity rates. What is the plan for addressing the reality that different neighborhoods have different levels of risk and exposure to the virus? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

I would like to know exactly when and how each school is going to be up to par with ventilation, cleaning, and air quality. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Are there any plans to use buildings other than CPS school buildings in order to allow for appropriate spacing when a return to in person learning happens? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will IEPs/504s with close contact work given distancing protocols? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

I went to my school the first day of school to pick up something and I could not believe how dirty it was after they had all spring and summer to clean. What are the plans around cleaning schools before and throughout the return to in person? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

For a positive case, how soon would everyone at that campus be notified? What is the protocol for determining first degree contacts? What is the protocol for quarantining? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What will be done when a teacher is absent and a sub doesn't pick up the job? This is fairly common in pre-pandemic times, and not sure how this will be handled without breaking the pod. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What does a student do when they can't go to in-person school (new guidelines say any runny nose, sneezing or coughing, even with no fever, is a no-go) but are well enough that they would have attended school in pre-pandemic times? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

For families who still want full remote, who will be teaching those students? (It was not a very robust plan in the summer!) I have friends teaching hybrid and online at the same time & it seems pretty tough for everyone. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will minutes be covered in a hybrid situation? Or will all SPED kids be on the same days within grades? Or would SPED be back full time? Is it even legal to have all of SPED in one 15 person pod? Would specials be sacrificed for SPED students? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What will be the protocol for kids being sent home and when will they be allowed to return? My kids have allergies, if they have to get a covid test to return from a sore throat or runny nose, that will sink us. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What happens when pods are quarantined? Is the expectation that classes are still learning, but remote? If so, is their regular teacher doing the instruction or would there need to be two subs—one for the pod in quarantine and one for the other pod? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What happens with students who show up at school without a mask, without a completed health survey, with a fever? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will schools ensure that the extended family and pod systems that have been created to meet childcare needs are considered when creating the school-based pods? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will things like centers, choice time, small group and differentiation work in a socially distant model? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is being done to ensure hot running water is at every school? What is being done to ensure legionnaires is not a risk in buildings that have been empty for months? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Soap, will there be soap? Will there be hand washing protocols? What will they be? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will there be recess and how will it work if we cannot use playground space? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Kids often share lockers. Will lockers be off limits? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What happens with classrooms that have table seating or flexible seating? How will schools be supplied furniture or supplies for social distancing? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will situations that normally depend on shared supplies be remedied to ensure everyone has their own? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What are the plans for bathroom use? Will there be multiple students allowed in the bathroom at once? Will there be scheduled bathroom breaks? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will the kids be carting from home to school the entire contents of their desks every day? Will younger kids be responsible for carrying around chrome books without breaking them? Will the kids who opt to stay home be totally isolated from their class? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What will the protocols be for siblings - ie, if one sibling's pod is exposed and they need to quarantine, will siblings in the same home also need to quarantine? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If a child has a fever, will a Covid test be required to return to school? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will there be specific rules for types of Covid testing? Will rapid results be accepted or only PCR? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will teachers keep younger kids apart, seriously. And when they take their masks off, do the teachers go up to them and try to put it back on? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Is CPS still planning to keep HS Juniors and Seniors, remote indefinitely? This was their plan when hybrid was an option... @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is being considered about using outdoor spaces for learning. Can schools on or adjacent to park district or forest preserve land use that space for science / gym / art, etc? Are there vacant lots that could be re-used for outdoor learning spaces? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will a teacher be teaching in person and remote at the same time? Will the teacher be able to pay attention to both groups equally? Will substitute teachers be available? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

In the summer parent interest in a return to in person learning was low, and lowest among black and brown families. Have families been surveyed again about their willingness to participate? If so, what were the results? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If the district says everyone needs to be six feet apart in line and wait for a temp screening, how much space will that take up around the school? How many entrances to the building will be open? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

When will they deliver the soap, wipes and hand sanitizer they promised in March? Will they fix the broken soap dispensers, sanitizer dispensers, paper towel dispensers? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will they replace the (mostly broken) hot air blowers with paper towel dispensers in bathrooms? **Will they add lids to the toilets (flushed toilet air is a transmitter)? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs**

How will proper ventilation be ensured? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will kids get water to drink since fountains have to be shut down? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

My zip is at 12% positivity. How will they keep covid positive people out of the school? Almost no families mask in my area. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

With the stringent guidelines about staying home, how does a teacher keep track of who has gotten what lesson when, where they are academically, etc.? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

There are over 24 zip codes that have double the city's current COVID19 positivity rate, predominantly in Black and Brown communities. How are members of these communities being included in the planning process? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will CPS implement CDC, IDPH, and CDPH safety guidelines to formulate an extensive safety plan for in person learning? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How is CPS incorporating teacher, parent and student feedback to create a flexible education that works for all students? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What's the CPS threshold for what is deemed "safe"? The CPS definition of "proper ventilation"? What's the extent of CPS' commitment to a continuous supply of PPE? What's CPS' testing process for families and educators? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will schools be cleaned and what protocols will be enacted when a student or staff is thought to have or has COVID? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will resources be devoted to ensuring that students in temporary living situations can learn and that their families are supported? These resources include internet access, computer devices, etc. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will CPS collaborate with Child Care providers to ensure that there are mutually agreed upon protocols to ensure safety for all concerned? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will CPS support both families who need to keep their children at home as well as how extra supports are implemented for students who select any type of hybrid learning? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will CPS be reopening previously closed schools in order to have smaller class sizes? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How can CPS do focus on Sp.Ed equity when they were complicit in the delaying and denial of services? We can't trust an institution without participation and no real accountability. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Why haven't there been any avenues for giving feedback on our remote experiences? Why can't CPS focus on improving remote learning instead of wasting time pretending we are going back into the classroom this year? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

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I am a CPS middle school teacher. I have been asking and asking about how they hope to deal with the already high student mobility rate. Student mobility will only increase as the economic impacts of the pandemic continue to be felt, especially in low-income communities.

This means increased housing instability and therefore increased student mobility. To me this also means that there is no real way to keep the enrollment in pods stable. How will it be possible to limit interaction by creating pods? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If CPS kids are home until January are you starting the work NOW of cleaning, ventilation and everything else to open the doors to ALL students on 1/4? I want my daughter to experience some of 8th grade in the hallways and classrooms of her school. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Is there any plan to improve ventilation/replace HVAC systems before trying to get kids to go back? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Many private/parochial schools have had Covid cases causing starts and stops for students. What are the guidelines for when this happens with our most vulnerable? Will parents have support for getting some students to school and others online? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is the procedure if a child refuses to wear a mask? What is the procedure if a child frequently pulls off their mask? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What will happen to students who can not tolerate a mask or face shield due to sensory or developmental needs. Will students be denied access to in person instruction in these cases? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is the procedure if a child is unable to adjust, put on or remove their own mask? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is the procedure if a parent sends a child to school in a mask that doesn't fit properly? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Is CPS acquiring generic child size masks or masks that are made specifically for young children (under 5)? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will we maintain social distance while helping students put on their mask after meals, zip their coats and assist with other dressing needs? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will air purifiers with UV lights be purchased for classrooms? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Has Burbank Hvac ventilation been inspected to ensure adequate air flow? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If the Hvac and ventilation has been inspected, can we see the report? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will there be air purifiers for common spaces? How many air purifiers per square foot are needed? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How many toilets are available to use for children and staff? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Do the toilets have toilet seats to cover the toilets before flushing? Fecal droplets have been linked to Covid infection. @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How frequently will bathrooms be cleaned? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What cleaning supplies will be provided to support cleaning after students have their diapers changed? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will lysol or other spray on cleaners be provided to be used after students use classroom bathrooms? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What about students who have asthma who can not tolerate being around certain cleaners.? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will we manage the use of indoor shared space? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How often will classrooms be cleaned? How often will shared spaces be cleaned? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will classrooms be deep cleaned during the school week? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What, if any, additional cleaning supplies will be provided to clean classroom manipulatives and toys? Will there be time to clean those materials during the school day? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is the procedure for cleaning body fluids? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will appropriate amounts of disinfectant supplies be provided to staff for the constant sanitation required for multi-use surfaces in cluster rooms such as toileting areas, classroom materials, high and low tech AAC, and other AT devices? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What kind of PPE will be provided to staff who have to do toileting, positioning, hand-over-hand assistance? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will N95 masks be provided for staff who have to provide hand over hand support? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will teachers be provided with the same ppe as paraprofessionals? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will additional PPE be provided for half day classroom teachers due to being exposed to two groups of children? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will funding be provided to purchase individuals sets of materials for student use (counting blocks, letter tiles, legos, white boards, extra)? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will classroom dividers, plexiglass dividers and furniture need to help students social distance within the classroom? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How and when will we have time to set up or classroom for social distancing? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

**Will a child who is coughing, sneezing or has a fever be allowed on the bus?
@chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs**

Will students be bussed in their classroom pods? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What will happen to siblings (we have two) who are in different cluster classrooms will they be bussed separately? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What about children who are bussed to preK from daycare? How will we find out if there was exposure at the daycare? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will caregivers be required to wear masks when approaching the school for drop off and pick up? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If there's a covid positive case in one cluster classroom, will both classrooms need to shut down because of the sibling being in both rooms? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If a student or teacher in one pod tests positive, will all families in the pod have to self quarantine? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will teachers teach in multiple pods? Will our special teachers need to quarantine if one of the pods has a positive case? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will staff get quarantine pay? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What if staff catch Covid at work and need extended leave time? Do they qualify for worker's compensation? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will caregivers also have to quarantine if a child in their child's classroom tests positive for Covid? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What resources will be available to students who's family members get sick with covid? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is the plan for quarantine if someone tests positive for covid-19 in the cluster setting? Teachers? Paraprofessionals? Bus Aides? Bus drivers? Itinerants? Subs? Clinicians? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How frequently will sub SECAs and Teachers be tested that are moving between pods and schools? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If students are living in covenant care and have an outbreak at the facility, will staff be notified? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will preschoolers and cluster students be expected to maintain 6 feet of distance from each other and teachers at all times? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will students be denied access to in person instruction if they can not follow social distancing rules? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will in class meals be handled? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will staff members receive their lunch breaks while maintaining social distancing and not contaminating other pods? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Who will teach the children whose parents choose to continue with remote learning? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Can the hand sanitizer dispensers that are currently at child level be moved so my students don't ingest 90% alcohol solution? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Can cubbies/lockers be moved into the classroom? Where and how will student clothing items/materials be stored? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Which schools qualify for a hybrid model? Will there be a list published? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Is there any consideration of a hybrid model for cluster classrooms with a higher number of students/staff, considering the difficulties many students will have with social distancing, behavior, and the need for intensive remediation of skills lost? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will carpets and other soft furnishings like pillows be allowed in the classrooms? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will subs for teachers and paraprofessionals be handled? Will subs be moving between multiple pods? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How do we keep students who are elopement risks safe while maintaining distance? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will classroom evacuations be handled during a behavioral incident? Where will students be evacuated to? How will sanitation be handled after a destructive behavioral incident? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How do you handle a student who spits, removes masks, coughs on others in a bid to get attention or avoid a non-preferred task? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

When a student's behavior becomes a danger to themselves or others due to not following health and safety guidelines, what is the course of action? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What if social distancing guidelines conflict with a student's IEP? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will we provide motor breaks or sensory breaks for students who require them to move throughout the school building as part of their IEP? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How do we address providing support to students who require significant mobility assistance such as for medical needs, safety, and students in wheelchairs? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will cluster students receive minutes where they are included in the general education classroom? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will medically vulnerable students be provided with appropriate PPE to protect them from peers who do not understand social distancing? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will medically vulnerable students be safe in the classroom with students who spit on others, grab others, or wipe spit or other body fluids on others for attention or sensory input? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will we adequately implement safety care procedures while maintaining social distance even at level 1? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

My 5th-grade child goes to a school with a strict late work policy. What are district standards surrounding late work during remote learning? How many schools have an equally strict policy in the district? How does the district defend this policy? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

For children who wish to apply to academic centers how will 5th-grade grades be counted for the application process? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is the maximum number of synchronous minutes a student should have to endure each day? What is the policy for teachers that continue to drone on for the entire hour leaving no asynchronous time? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Parent of pre-k and 1st: Why is the idea that kids have 1:1 adult support at all times baked into the learning? When will you acknowledge and how will you amend the

developmentally-inappropriate number of hours on screen? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How many students still don't have workable devices and/or internet?
@chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

PE teacher here! How can the whole pods system actually work if I would see every pod 2-3 times a week for at least an hour? Also, working in a gymnasium with no windows or working HVAC seems to be the perfect storm for exposure. PE is already an extremely difficult subject to teach while socially distancing, and with PK and cluster students it would be IMPOSSIBLE! No shared equipment or space? Also, if a student gets hurt in my class, needs help with tissue, or just upset in general how can I keep 6 feet away and help responsibly?

What will drop-off and pick-up look like? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

With our current cubbies, children are not able to socially distance. How will we ensure that children can socially distance when removing/putting on their coats, bookbags, boots, etc.? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What kinds of masks will be provided to students, and how many? What kinds of masks will be provided to teachers, and how many? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will teachers be provided with face shields/other PPE beyond masks? And if so, what kind of PPE and in what quantity? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What are the proper cleaning and health/safety protocols for each of the following areas: Reading area, Water and sand sensory table, Dramatic play, Games area, Light table, Art area/easel, Meeting area, Nature area, Blocks, Nap time, Meals, Recess?
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In the reading area, does each book need to be wiped down after being touched by a child? Would it need to be removed and put in another area for a certain amount of time before being allowed back into the classroom? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

At the water and sand sensory table, what is the science around how the virus travels in water? Will this area be completely closed, or is there a safe way whereby they could have this sensory experience in the classroom? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

During dramatic play, can children share outfits? What about plastic toys?
@chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

**In the games area, how can children safely play games and use manipulatives?
@chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs**

**At the light table, would we need to wipe it down completely after each child uses it?
@chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs**

At the art area/easel, do we need to get new paints every time a child uses it? Or is it sufficient to wipe down brushes? Is clay or playdough permitted this year? What are the guidelines around sharing tools? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

In the meeting area, are rugs permitted this year? Is singing permitted with masks on? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

In the nature area, if children are handling natural materials such as bark, leaves, or sticks, how can we offer these natural materials in a safe way? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

With blocks, what are the recommended cleaning protocols for wooden blocks during the pandemic? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

During nap time, since children don't wear masks while napping, how will we ensure that children remain six feet apart to allow social distancing? Will we be allowed to use other classrooms not in use to more properly social distance? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

For meals, will children take all meals in the classroom? What are CPS' guidelines for maintaining social distance at mealtimes? Will each meal be individually packaged and portioned so as to minimize exposure? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

During recess, what are the guidelines for physical, outdoor play in the pandemic? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Some classrooms don't have their own sinks. How does CPS plan to address this, given the highly physical, interactive nature of pre-K learning? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

As a first-year teacher who doesn't have sick time accrued, will quarantine look different for some teachers than for others? For half-day teachers, how will classrooms be cleaned between classes? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How will pre-K children whose families opt to stay remote get a quality educational experience if the expectation is that we livestream what is happening in the physical classroom? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Children often need help tying their shoes. Are there scientifically-backed recommendations for staying safe when helping children in activities where social distance of six feet isn't possible? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is the protocol when we need to help children to use the bathroom, or in the instances where children have diapers that need changing? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Given the airborne nature of transmission of the virus, what does CPS recommend for air circulation? Should we keep the windows in our classroom open? If we should crack the windows, will CPS ensure that the broken windows are fixed by 11/9? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Some pre-K children can be "runners"- fleeing class when they might feel homesick. What are recommendations for those moments when, in typical times, we teachers might have to physically restrain children? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If a child refuses to wear a mask or continues to take it off or wear it improperly, what is the protocol? What if a child's family member becomes sick? More broadly, under what circumstances do we all quarantine as a classroom? As a school? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Will pre-K children have specials? If so, what precautions are being taken, given that specials teachers will see many different "pods" over the course of a day? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What Covid testing will be provided to staff, students, and families who return to in-person learning, if any? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What are CPS' recommendations for teachers and other staff members who are asked to return to in-person learning but who have their own CPS students at home who will not be returning to schools? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

Since a Harvard study found that toilet flushing can deposit the virus on surfaces and create potential for transmission, will CPS be installing toilet covers on the seats in all of the bathrooms and requiring lowered lids before flushing? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is the plan for when teachers are absent? There was a shortage of subs before the pandemic. Who will be covering the classes? Previously it was oftentimes a specialist from the building. How will you keep people safe when pods are changing? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

How many of last year's 8th graders have been marked down as "lost" by high schools now that the 20th day of school has passed? How does that compare with previous years? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

If / when in-person resumes for k-12, will kids, whose families wish to have them continue remote learning, be able to continue with their current teacher? If not, who will teach them? - Parent of kindergartener & third grader @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What will e-learning look like for families who opt to continue remote when given the choice? Will there be live instruction with their main teacher? Will they use recording? If the class needs to quarantine, what will the e-learning look like? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What will the option of full time remote learning option look like? How much synchronous / asynchronous time will there be? Who will be teaching them? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

For 7th graders - will 7th grade attendance % be considered or waived for enrollment to highschools? How will NWEAs be administered this year for high school applications? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs

What is the plan for all of the interruptions that will occur when a child in a class is positive for Covid-19? How will you keep students engaged with rolling absences? @chicagosmayor #CPSTalkToUs