

**WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 108
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Dear Willow Families:

As you can see from the following joint statement, Willow Springs School along with Argo Community High School and its other elementary feeder districts, 109 and 104, will continue remote learning through the end of September.

This was not an easy decision to make. We considered the significant number of daily COVID19 infections in our area as well as the new very restrictive requirements implemented by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). New science studies also suggest that students are more vulnerable to the virus than we originally thought. Our School Boards and administrators all believe that it is in the best interest of our students and families that we continue remote learning.

We are hoping that September sees a large reduction in the number of daily new infections in our area. We're working to implement the new IDPH requirements to reopen school for our Blended Learning model. In the meantime, we will evaluate in late September whether it will be safe enough for our students to be in school for Blended Learning in October.

While this is not the in-school experience we all want for our students, we have been working hard to deliver the best possible remote instruction. It is exciting for me to walk through the halls here at Willow Springs School and hear your children's voices from their virtual classrooms. We appreciate all the tech support you're giving the kids to get them in school and your understanding as we all navigate this new normal.

We will continue providing meals as we have in August in the early afternoon right after school gets out.

For those of you seeking a daycare solution, the YMCA program is available. The YMCA is able to provide this daycare because the limited number of students they are allowed to work with greatly reduces the chance of spreading the virus.

Every night I hope that a vaccine or cure for COVID19 will come, and come quickly. Until then, we will work hard to provide the best educational program we can for your children.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Patrick



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**Joint Statement on COVID Status of Re-Opening of School for the Communities of
 Districts 104, 108, 109 and 217**

With the support of our 4 Boards of Education, our goal during this Pandemic is to be proactive in keeping our students healthy and safe while providing the best education we can. Due to major changes to Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) guidelines, and the significantly high rate of COVID19 infections in our area, our districts have made the joint decision to continue with all remote learning. We will move to in-person blended learning when the infection rate in our community decreases, and we can put in place all of the health requirements required by IDPH and ISBE in our schools. Our main concern is the health and safety of our students and our community members.

Sincerely,

Dr. Troy Whalen
 Superintendent of District 104

Dr. Blair Nuccio
 Superintendent of District 109

Mr. Frank Patrick
 Superintendent of District 108

Dr. William C. Toullos
 Interim Superintendent of District 217

Declaración conjunta sobre el estado COVID de reapertura de escuelas para las comunidades de
Distritos 104, 108, 109 y 217

Con el apoyo de nuestras 4 Juntas de Educación, nuestro objetivo durante esta pandemia es ser proactivos para mantener a nuestros estudiantes sanos y seguros mientras brindamos la mejor educación posible. Debido a los cambios importantes en las pautas del Departamento de Salud Pública de Illinois (IDPH) y la Junta de Educación del Estado de Illinois (ISBE), y la tasa significativamente alta de infecciones por COVID19 en nuestra área, nuestros distritos han tomado la decisión conjunta de continuar con todo el aprendizaje remoto. Pasaremos al aprendizaje combinado en persona cuando la tasa de infección en nuestra comunidad disminuya, y podamos implementar todos los requisitos de salud requeridos por IDPH e ISBE en nuestras escuelas. Nuestra principal preocupación es la salud y seguridad de nuestros estudiantes y miembros de nuestra comunidad.

Wspólne oświadczenie w sprawie statusu ponownego otwarcia szkoły przez COVID dla społeczności z
dnia

Dzielnice 104, 108, 109 i 217

Przy wsparciu naszych 4 Rad Edukacyjnych, naszym celem podczas tej pandemii jest aktywne działanie w utrzymaniu naszych uczniów w zdrowiu i bezpieczeństwie, przy jednoczesnym zapewnieniu jak najlepszej edukacji. Ze względu na poważne zmiany w wytycznych Departamentu Zdrowia Publicznego stanu Illinois (IDPH) i Stanowej Rady Edukacji stanu Illinois (ISBE) oraz znacznie wysoki wskaźnik zakażeń COVID19 w naszym regionie, nasze dystrykty podjęły wspólną decyzję o kontynuowaniu całej nauki zdalnej. Przejdziemy na indywidualne nauczanie mieszane, gdy spadnie wskaźnik infekcji w naszej społeczności i będziemy mogli wprowadzić wszystkie wymagania zdrowotne wymagane przez IDPH i ISBE w naszych szkołach. Naszym głównym zmartwieniem jest zdrowie i bezpieczeństwo naszych uczniów i członków naszej społeczności.

إعادة فتح المدارس لمجتمعات COVID بيان مشترك حول حالة

المقاطعات 104 و 108 و 109 و 217

بدعم من مجالس التعليم الأربعة لدينا ، يتمثل هدفنا خلال هذا الوباء في أن نكون استباقيين في الحفاظ على طلابنا أصحاء وأمنين مع توفير ومجلس التعليم (IDPH) أفضل تعليم ممكن. نظرًا للتغيرات الرئيسية التي تم إجراؤها على إرشادات إدارة الصحة العامة في إلينوي في منطقتنا ، فقد اتخذت مقاطعاتنا قرارًا مشتركًا COVID19 والمعدل المرتفع بشكل ملحوظ للإصابة بفيروس ، (ISBE) بولاية إلينوي بالاستمرار في التعلم عن بُعد. سننتقل إلى التعلم المدمج شخصيًا عندما ينخفض معدل الإصابة في مجتمعنا ، ويمكننا وضع جميع في مدارسنا. شاغلنا الرئيسي هو صحة وسلامة طلابنا وأفراد مجتمعنا ISBE و IDPH المتطلبات الصحية التي يتطلبها