



## DEUTSCHE SPRACHSCHULE INC.

### Important Information for the 2021-2022 School Year

We are so hopeful about the coming school year and truly look forward to welcoming our students back in September! With this message we would like to provide some updates on our protocols and course offerings.

The first day of classes is September 11th and all classes are from 9:15-12:15 except Spielgruppe (9:15-11:30). You can see the full [calendar on the website](#).

As always, feel free to reach out to our principal, Herr Veniero, [principal@thegermanschool.org](mailto:principal@thegermanschool.org) with any questions.

#### Remote or Virtual Instruction

**All levels will offer in-person instruction.** We will still be able to offer a virtual option for those families that wish to take advantage of that for any reason, however students will not be connecting to the normal level classrooms via Zoom any longer. Instead **we will offer either small group or individual virtual tutoring**, based on enrollment numbers, for students that wish to take advantage of this option. We have learned that student experience for both those in the classroom and those learning remotely is significantly improved when the teacher is tailoring the instruction to be delivered in only one mode - that is either virtually or in-person and not trying to teach the two groups at once.

#### Health & Safety Updates

Unfortunately, we all still continue to deal with the reality of the Covid-19 pandemic. The school will continue to follow guidelines from the appropriate authorities and react to changes in those guidelines as we can. We greatly appreciate your help and understanding as we navigate this ever-evolving situation. Below you can see the protocols in place for the coming school year.

- All individuals (teachers, students, parents, etc.) entering the school building will be required to be masked when indoors and will have their temperature checked and any individual with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be permitted to enter the building.
- All in-use classrooms have air conditioning units and the building is outfitted with air purifiers. Our class sizes also remain small with enough space for distancing in each room.
- Regular cleaning of the school building remains a priority and all rooms used by students and staff will be equipped with hand sanitizer dispensers and disinfecting alcohol wipes.

- Teachers will be permitted to distribute materials to students, but hygiene will remain a top priority and items will be sanitized as necessary.
- Drop-off and pick-up procedures will return to normal, but please be sure to see that your child has completed their temperature check before departing.
- We will continue to follow the quarantine / exclusion protocols outlined in the chart at the end of this document.

### New Schedules for the 2021-2022 School Year

<b>Recess Schedule</b>	
Recess will be held outside unless weather prohibits it, in which case recess will be held in the gym.	
1/1A-a/1A-b/Spielgruppe/Kindergarten	10:30-10:45
2/2A/3/3A/4/4A/5/5A	10:45-11:00

<b>Music Schedule</b>	
Music will take place with grouped classes in the Library/Music Space.	
3/3A/4/2/2A	9:45 - 10:10
Spielgruppe	10:45-11:10
Kindergarten	11:15-11:40
1/1Aa/1Ab	11:45-12:10

## School Exclusion Chart

(Sources: Winfield Elementary School, Union County School Containment Guidelines, Illinois Dept of Public Health, New York Public School Reopening Release)	Period
Student tests positive for COVID-19	14 days
Student exhibits one (or more) symptoms of COVID-19	14 days
Student had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19	14 days
Student had close contact with someone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19	14 days
Student has a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius)	72 hrs fever-free w/out fever reducer
Student has a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) and exhibits one (or more) additional symptoms of COVID 19	10 days
Student has returned from a location with sustained widespread transmission, potentially including areas located within the United States	14 days
If there is one confirmed case, that student's classroom will transition to remote learning while the students and staff in that classroom quarantine for 14 days.	14 days
Two (2) confirmed cases in the same classroom	14 days
If there are at least two (2) confirmed cases in multiple classrooms in the same school, the entire school building closes and all students in the school transition to remote learning while contact tracers investigate.	TBD
If there are multiple cases in one school and contact tracers cannot determine a link between them, the school closes and all student learn remotely.	14 days