



## **Recent Kane County Health Department COVID-19 Mitigation Strategy Collaboration with District 300 Clarification**

**October 12, 2021** – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) has received many inquiries with regard to D300 Hampshire High School’s recent announcement of adaptive pause.

KCHD and D300 did meet to discuss the increase of COVID-19 cases and mitigation strategies. KCHD recommended three options for decreasing the spread of the disease which ultimately D300 decided on their best course of possible action (adaptive pause) to which KCHD sent a Mitigation Plan for the school to apply.

Generally, an increase of cases and/or an outbreak may cause for additional measures to be taken to reduce the impact of the exposure for a particular group or setting. KCHD is here to support our area schools in their efforts to stem the spread of COVID-19.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, an Adaptive Pause “is a strategy that allows for movement into any level of remote learning to prevent disease transmission during a pandemic. An Adaptive Pause may result in delayed reopening at the start of a specific school term or a pivot to remote learning once the school year is underway for school officials to have time to plan for next steps with parents, teachers and staff. An Adaptive Pause may also include a pivot to remote learning for a classroom, a grade level, a wing, a building or school- or district-wide remote learning. At all levels of community transmission, school officials may need an Adaptive Pause to consult with their LHD (local health department) to understand community transmission metrics and to plan for how to respond to a given scenario.”

For more information, see <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Updated-Public-Health-School-Guidance-9-21-21.pdf>. Visit the KCHD website at [KaneHealth.com](http://KaneHealth.com) or call the health department at 630-208-3801.## #