

Board Meeting Date: January 28, 2021

COVID-19 Board Report

PURPOSE: Provide an Update about District 191's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively (Maximize resources for optimal student learning).

Tonight I will share information related to COVID-19 Case rate by County and updates regarding

- Learning Model Transition Preparations
 - Elementary
 - Secondary
- Updates on New Mitigations (MN Vaccine program)
- Project KIDS, PALS (Partners Achieving Learning Success) and BYC (Burnsville Youth Collaborative)
- Transportation

Health and Safety (MDH):

County Updates: Represents 1/3/21 to 1/16/21. Dakota County has 45.00 confirmed cases for 10,000 residents and Scott County has 38.29 for 10,000 residents. We must use the county with the higher number of confirmed cases which is Dakota at 45.00. For middle school and high school still puts us in the distance learning model. I have consulted about a possible shift in learning model for middle and high school students with our Regional Support team and with our One91 COVID-19 Advisory. I asked the Regional Support Team about an early or mid- February shift to hybrid for secondary. They maintain their recommendation that we wait to see cases under 30 and they advised us to look at the numbers and our local data. Our advisory group recommended that we take it slow and make sure we bring students back when it is safely to do so. I plan to look at next Thursday's number for Dakota County in the hopes we will see another decrease in confirmed cases and hopefully we can shift learning models for secondary the last week in February or the first week in March.

Learning Model Parameters

Number of cases per 10,000 over 14 days, by county of residence	Learning Model
0-9	In-person learning for all students
10-19	In-person learning for elementary students; hybrid learning for secondary students
20-29	Hybrid learning for all students
30-49	Hybrid learning for elementary students; distance learning for secondary students
50+	Distance learning for all students

MN's Vaccine Program: On Monday, January 18 Governor Walz's announced that districts would receive a set amount of vaccines for pilot programs. Partnering with local public health and school districts, the state launched nine pilot sites that serve prekindergarten through grade 12 educators, school staff, and child care providers beginning at some of the pilot sites on Jan. 21.

Given the supply limitations, the state has asked us to prioritize which educators and staff receive these first doses. We followed [guidance from the state](#) - including maximizing benefit and promoting equity - to make these prioritizations for this first round of vaccine doses.

Of course, this is wonderful news. However, I want to be very clear about what this means for District 191. The number of vaccinations Minnesota has received is not enough to vaccinate all of Minnesota's educators, school staff and child care workers.

This past Monday, it was announced that the state is testing a new model for large-scale, community vaccination sites. Beginning today the state is hosting a large-scale vaccination event at the Xcel Center in Saint Paul for educators, school staff and child care workers only. The state has provided 15,000 vaccine doses for this event.

To adjust for the opening of this clinic, the two other pilot clinics in the metro area will serve only adults 65 years of age and older this week.

There are also changes this week to the way educators and school staff will sign up for appointments. All of the appointments allotted for educators and school staff this week

are first-come, first-served and no one will be guaranteed an appointment. Staff must have an appointment to be able to receive a vaccine. No walk-ups will be taken. In order not to overwhelm the system, each school district, charter or tribal school has been asked to send the sign-up link only to a proportional number staff.

As we receive notice that more vaccines are available we will continue to prioritize staff based on guidance from the state and counties we serve.