

2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR



DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RETURN TO LEARN PLANNING

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2020 Return to Learn

Return to Learn Update

November 4, 2020



ISD 709

Guiding Principles

FOR RE-OPENING SCHOOLS

- 1 Ensure the safety and wellness of students and staff
- 2 Deliver high-quality instruction to students, regardless of delivery model
- 3 Equity: Ensuring all means all
- 4 Optimize use of resources (space & materials)
- 5 Community and stakeholder engagement in plan development

Equity Criteria:

Access

Participation

Representation

Outcomes

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Previous Considerations for Initial Model Selection

- A. Changing Local COVID Rates
- B. Balancing the needs of safety and learning
- C. Challenges of hybrid / hybrid
- D. Concerns for space at east side elementaries
- E. Childcare space issues

COVID-19 Cases Update

- A. Staff Positives: 23 (7 additional since 10/21)
- B. Student Positives: 30 (5 additional since 10/21)
 - 15 in elementary
 - 15 in secondary
- C. ISD709 students and staff who have been quarantined:
 - 136 students (40 additional since 10/21)
 - 38 staff (2 additional since 10/21)
- D. District dashboard scheduled to launch this week

Current Local COVID-19 Numbers

St. Louis County Bi-Weekly Case Rate for Schools

- 8/29 - 10.5
- 9/05 - 12.98
- 9/12 - 16.14
- 9/19 - 22.47
- 9/26 - 33.37
- 10/03 - 35.2
- 10/10 - 32.7
- 10/17 - 34.2

Policy Option	Range (14-day case rate per 10,000 people)
In-person learning for all students	0 to less than 10
Elementary in-person, Middle/high school hybrid	10 to less than 20
Both hybrid	20 to less than 30
Elementary hybrid, Middle/high school distance	30 to less than 50
Both distance	50 or more

Current Planning Considerations

- **The current learning model will extend through the end of December.**
- **The MDH and the MDE jointly shared that districts should also consider rates of infection spread within schools, as well as within athletics and activities.**
- **We will continue athletics, activities and targeted supports for students at the secondary level.**
- **We continue to prepare for more in-person learning when COVID numbers drop and remain low over time.**
- **The district remains prepared to move into all distance learning and pause athletics and extracurricular activities if deemed necessary.**

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Family, Student and Staff Surveys

Additional Resources

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