

2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR



DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RETURN TO LEARN PLANNING

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2020 Return to Learn

Return to Learn Board Update

December 1, 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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COVID-19 Cases Update

- A. Staff and student positive cases increased through the shift to distance learning
- B. Current information is not readily available due to the increase and need to focus on current reporting and contact tracing
- C. Dashboard will be updated on Thursday

Current Local COVID-19 Numbers

St. Louis County Bi-Weekly Case Rate for Schools

- 9/12 - 16.14
- 9/19 - 22.47
- 9/26 - 33.37
- 10/03 - 35.2
- 10/10 - 32.7
- 10/17 - 34.2
- 10/24 - 39.8
- 10/31 - 54.3
- 11/07 - 105
- 11/21 - 175.9

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

Model Extension Update

Given current and projected COVID rates, it was announced last week that distance learning at elementary and secondary levels will continue through at least the end of first semester on January 21, 2021.

Why did the district make the decision last week rather than wait for December 14th?

We made the decision as soon as possible rather than wait until the last minute. This will allow students, families and staff the certainty that they need as well as the time to plan.

We regret the challenges that this will cause, but must continue to take action to help avoid deeper COVID spread within our schools and community.

Model Extension Update

- While in distance learning, the district will continue to provide bagged breakfast/lunches for pickup Monday through Friday when school is in session.
- Emergency Tier 1 childcare and KEY Zone services will continue.
- The extension of distance learning does not impact the Governor's athletics and activities pause, which is scheduled through December 18. The district will await further guidance on athletics and activities from the governor's office and other state officials.

Family, Student and Staff Surveys

- Results are being used to target *specific* improvements for the district and schools
- 3,442 family surveys returned
- 2,614 student surveys returned
- 333 teacher surveys returned
- Additional reporting later this month

Additional Resources

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