

Secondary In-Person Update

April 6, 2021

Current Status

Our middle and high schools are in 4-day in-person learning and elementary schools are in full in-person learning. Students returned last Thursday and we are hearing very positive comments in general.

COVID Rates

We continue to consult with health officials regarding the learning models and to closely monitor local COVID reports, as well as internal district data. Although the county and state are reporting an uptick in local COVID numbers, our spread within our schools has been very low. We have not had any documented cases of student-to-student spread within our classrooms.

Health Department Recommendations

The recommendation from health officials is that Duluth continue with its current Pre-K through Grade 12 in-person models at least through spring break (April 19-23), especially given the recent transition to in-person instruction. It is our intention to continue the current PreK - 12 in-person models after spring recess as long as our department of health agrees that we can safely do so.

Athletics and Activities

Student transmission has been connected to community athletics and social activities outside of the school day. To support the ability of the school district to continue to provide in-person school and extracurricular activities, all of us need to remain vigilant and do our part to slow the spread.

We Need Your Help

We are encouraging all staff, families and students to follow [COVID safety protocols](#), *especially outside of school*, in order to get the numbers down and continue to provide in-person learning. In working together, we hope to avoid having to dial back if local COVID rates rise significantly and we see spread within our schools.