



**SAINT PETER SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Study Session**  
**Monday, December 7, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting, Live Stream,**  
**<https://www.stpeterschools.org/about/board-of-education>, SAINT PETER, Minnesota 56082**  
**6:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Consideration and Adoption of Agenda**
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  - 1. Policy Review Committee
    - Tuesday, December 8, 2020
    - 8:00AM
    - Virtual
  - 2. Regular School Board Meeting
    - Monday, December 21, 2020
    - 6:30PM
    - Virtual
- VI. Adjournment**



## ADDENDUM

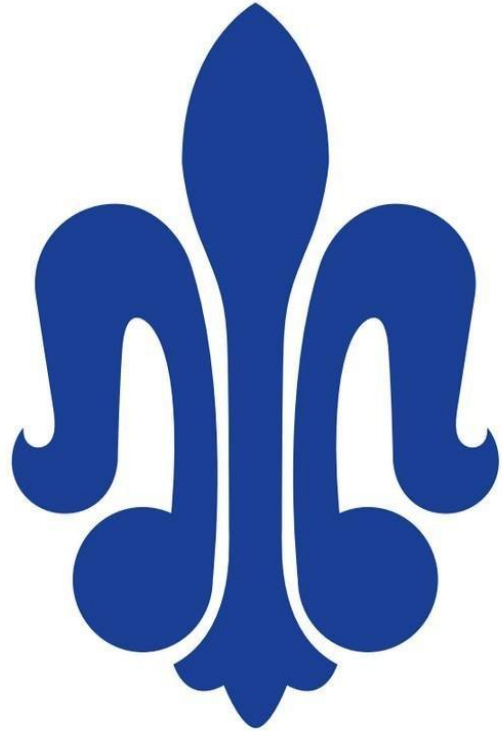
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#### III. Review COVID-19 Data

**Background:** Based on rapidly increasing COVID-19 case rates, the Saint Peter Schools transitioned to a distance learning model on November 16, 2020. We have been monitoring the health of the community since that time and will review current data.

**Presentation:** Superintendent of Schools, Nicollet County



# COVID- 19 Data Analysis & Instructional Model Review



# Areas Indicated for Data Review

- 1) County rates for the spread of COVID-19
- 2) School rates of positive cases
- 3) School rates of quarantine
- 4) Close contacts occurring in the school community
- 5) Staffing Capacities
- 6) Other Pertinent Data



# County COVID-19 Data

The official numbers released for each county is from two weeks prior. The reason for this delay is to allow time to ensure the data is reliable. There are often cases added or removed while COVID tests are documented. We also consider current numbers which are not as accurate but do give an indication of trends in “real time”.

## **Latest Official Numbers through 11/21/20**

Nicollet County: 135.28

Le Sueur County: 155.81

## **Current but unofficial:**

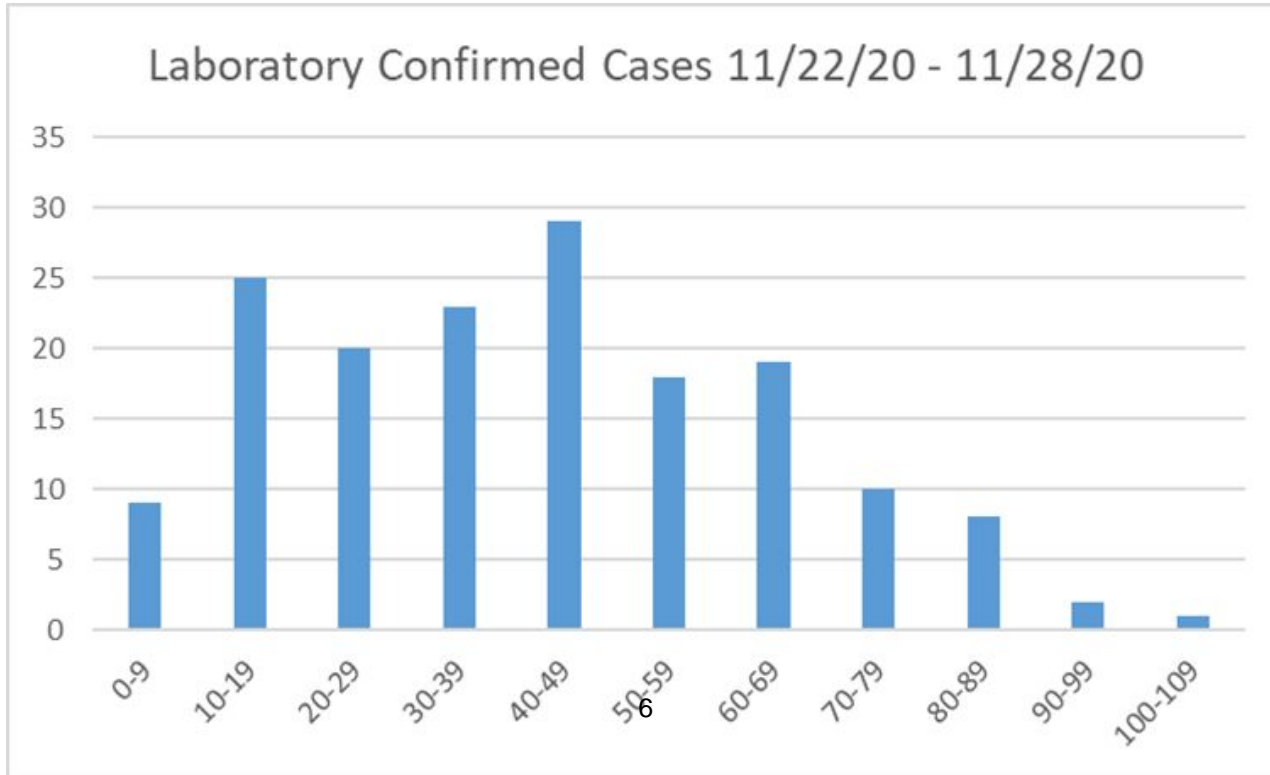
Nicollet County : 104.5

Le Sueur County: 129.8

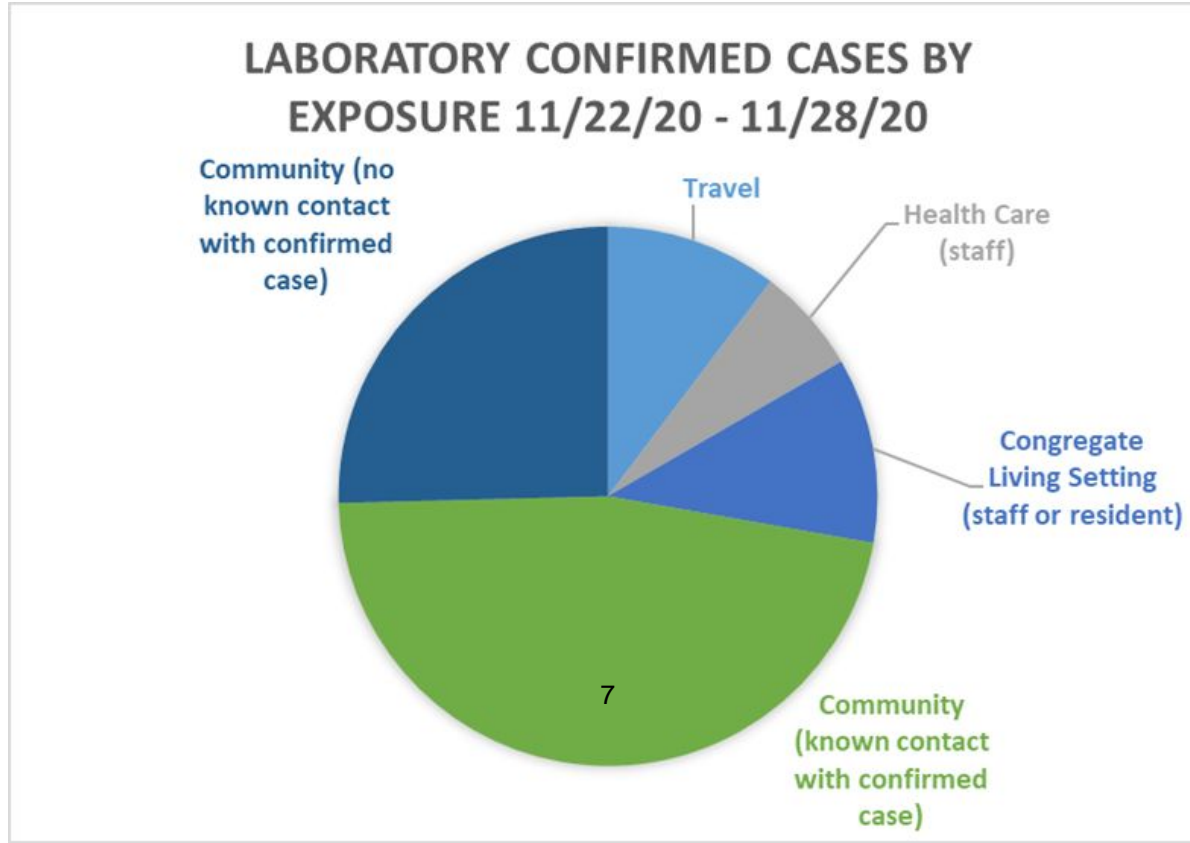
This indicates a decline in the number of cases in Nicollet County and Le Sueur County. Nicollet County officials report that there has been a significant increase in the number of hospitalizations.

School Community: We currently have 8 positive cases and 26 quarantines reported. This is a considerable decline as expected during distance learning mode.

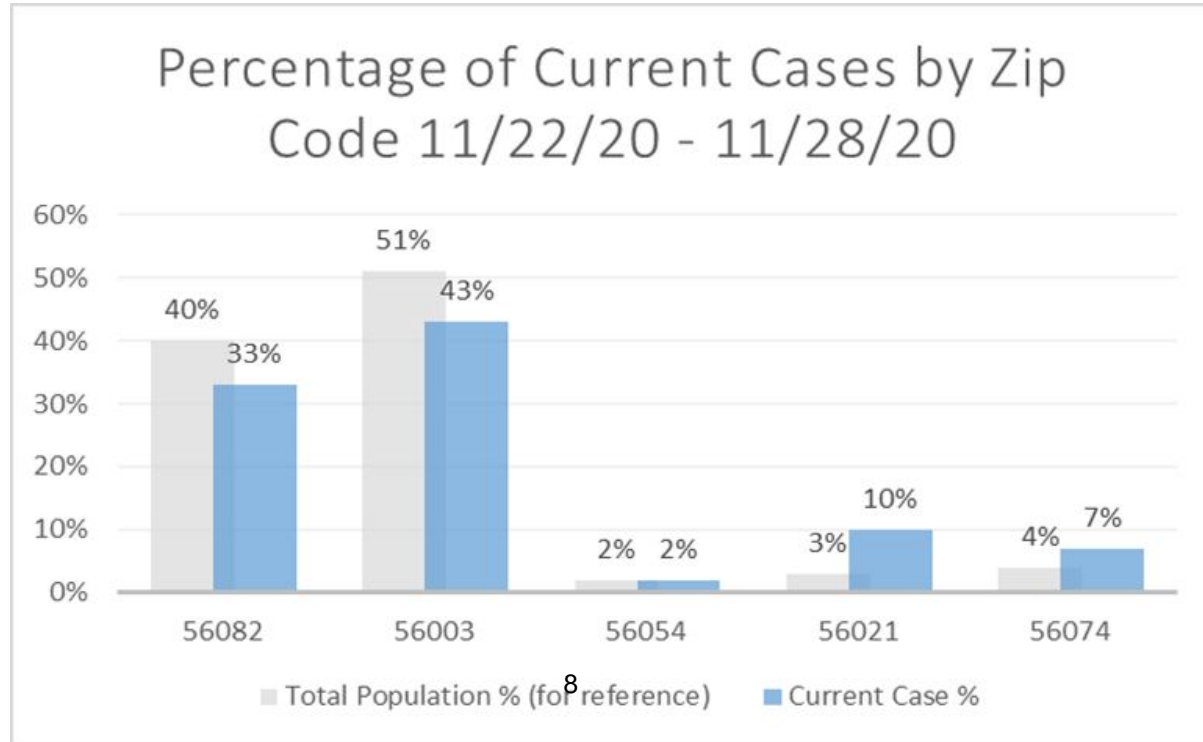
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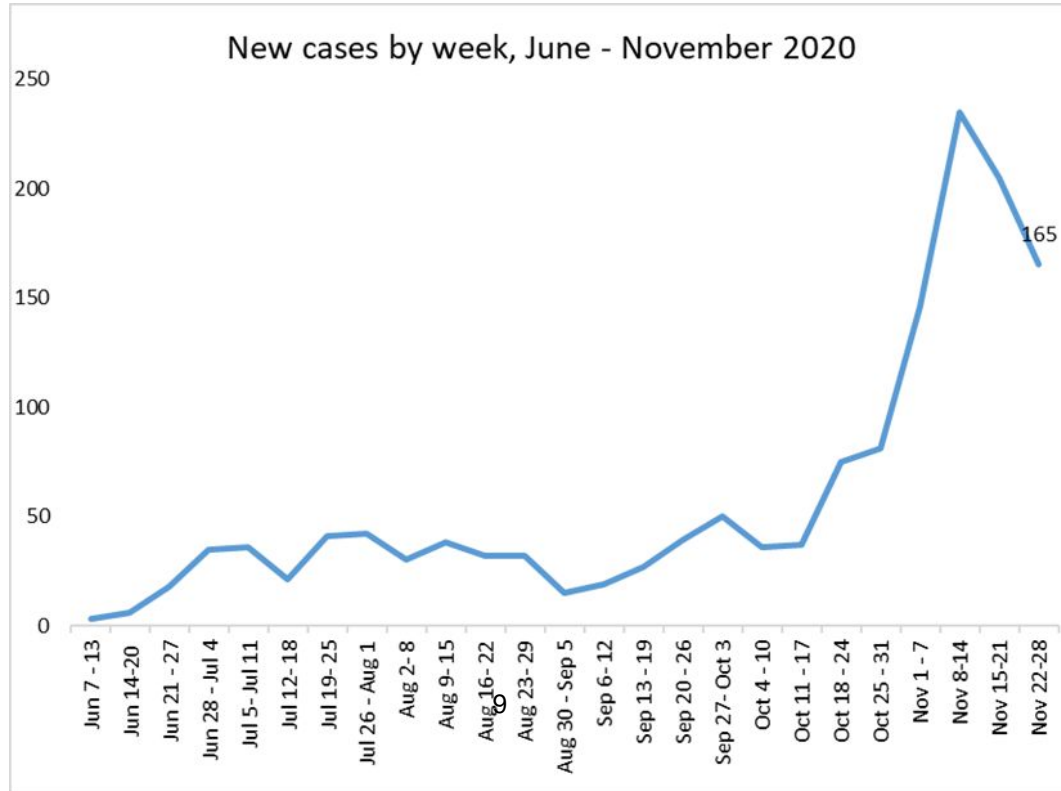
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# County Recommendations

It is recommended that we continue in the distance learning model as planned.

They are expecting a surge in the number of cases this week following exposures at Thanksgiving. There is still a concern that we will continue to see increases as we approach the holiday season.



# St Peter Schools COVID-19 Data

The number of current confirmed cases and quarantines are tracked for each site in the district

Staffing capacities and our ability to provide in-person instruction must also be considered.

	Current Positive cases	Current Quarantine	Total Cumulative Positive cases
EC- Gr4 Staff	0	3	7
EC- Gr4 Students	1	18	16
Gr 5- 12 Staff	0	0	5
Gr 5- 12 Students	2	1	32
District Level Staff	1	0	2
TOTAL	4	22	62

- This is based on reported cases. There may be cases or quarantines that have not been reported to us.
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# Considerations for Change in Learning Model

Based on State Guidance, a 14-day rate below 50 would allow Elementary Students to return to the hybrid model. Below 30 would be the rate allowing Middle & High School to return to hybrid. Given that we have not seen a significant difference in rates of elementary versus middle or high school students, **we would recommend giving consideration to a return to hybrid learning for all when the rates are near or below 50 per 10,000 residents.**

**We would hope to see a downward trend in data for 2-3 weeks prior to that decision being made.**

**We have currently set January 4th as a target date for returning to the hybrid model. Based on the data, this may need to be adjusted. We recommended reviewing the data during the December 21 School Board Meeting to make a decision regarding a possible extension to January 11 or beyond.**



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### **VI. Consider Parameters for Returning to the Hybrid Learning Model**

**Background:** The Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Department of Health, and local government from the Counties have provided guidance for determining learning models during the COVID-19 pandemic. Along with County case rate data, local school district data is also to be taken into account. While the State has the authority to direct school districts, each district is charged with making the decisions for the health of their community based on data. Parameters for dialing forward to a less restrictive learning model will be discussed.

**Presentation:** Superintendent of Schools, Nicollet County