



School District of West Salem

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To: School Community
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Subject: Learning Mode Update

The School District of West Salem will be providing weekly updates on the COVID-19 condition in the County and the anticipated future learning modes for students. The School District will be using a [decision matrix](#) based upon the [Harvard Global Health Institute](#) and the [Minnesota Safe Learning Plan](#) to determine the mode of learning for students.

Future Mode of Learning

The primary metrics show that we will be in YELLOW, which is in-person instruction for our 4K-5 students, while our 6-12 students will be receiving instruction in our blended learning model. We will be returning to school on Monday, October 5th. To avoid a weekly change, we will be following this mode of instruction for the week of October 5th and October 12th.

The secondary metrics indicate the COVID-19 conditions in La Crosse County have also improved this week. We will continue to monitor our environment and make decisions as needed. Although we are planning on being back for multiple weeks, please know that classrooms and buildings could move to virtual learning for a period of time if we would reach thresholds determined by the La Crosse County Health Department. Classrooms and schools may be closed as a result of staffing shortages that prevent safe operations or the inability to conduct contact tracing.

Data

On Wednesday, September 30, 2020, the La Crosse County Health Department reported the following COVID-19 metrics and numbers that are used to aid the School District in determining the mode of learning:

Week: 9/21/2020 - 9/27/2020

Primary Metrics (W. Salem Municipality)	Number	School District Status
7 Day Avg. Case Rate (W. Salem Municipality)	16.95/100k people	YELLOW
West Salem Municipality Trend	Decreasing	YELLOW

Secondary Metrics (La Crosse Co.)	Number	School District Status
7 Day Average Case Rate (Metric 1)	49.0/100k people	RED
Case Rate Trend (Metric 1, trajectory)	Decreasing	YELLOW

Cases in the School District of West Salem

During the period from 9/21/2020 to 9/27/2020 the School District of West Salem had zero positive COVID-19 cases.