



# 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 have moved into the **RED** category for this upcoming week as our West Salem Community numbers have increased. We will transition to back to virtual learning for all students 4K – 12. This also means that our co-curricular activities will be virtual with competitions postponed for the week of November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The secondary metrics indicate the COVID-19 conditions in La Crosse County are also increasing. We will continue to monitor all our environment and will provide an update of our plans for the week of November 9<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. I will continue this communication on a weekly basis. Updates on both the community and county data can be found on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#). We will monitor the trend of the data and make an informed decision to try to get our students back on campus as soon as possible.

## Data

On Wednesday, October 28, 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: 10/19/2020 – 10/25/2020

Primary Metrics (W. Salem Community)	Number	School District Status
7 Day Avg. Case Rate (W. Salem Community)	43.5/100k people	RED
West Salem Municipality Trend	Increasing	RED

Secondary Metrics (La Crosse Co.)	Number	School District Status
7 Day Average Case Rate (Metric 1)	35.5/100k people	RED
Case Rate Trend (Metric 1, trajectory)	Increasing	RED

## Cases in the School District of West Salem

During the period from 10/19/2020 to 10/25/2020 the School District of West Salem had one positive COVID-19 cases.