



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 has been 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 remain the **RED** category for this upcoming week as our West Salem community numbers did not increase this past week. We will remain in our virtual learning platform for all students 4K – 12 through the week of November 30th. This also means that any co-curricular activities will be virtual with competitions postponed through December 4th as long as we remain in the **RED** category.

The secondary metrics indicate the COVID-19 conditions in La Crosse County are also continuing to increase. We will continue to monitor our environment and will provide an update of our plans for the week of December 7th on Wednesday, December 2nd. Updates on both the municipality 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, November 18, 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: 11/9/2020 – 11/15/2020

Primary Metrics (W. Salem Community)	Number	School District Status
7 Day Avg. Case Rate (W. Salem Community)	77.52/100k people	RED
West Salem Municipality Trend	Decreasing	YELLOW

Secondary Metrics (La Crosse Co.)	Number	School District Status
7 Day Average Case Rate (Metric 1)	109.2/100k people	RED
Case Rate Trend (Metric 1, trajectory)	Increasing	RED

Cases in the School District of West Salem

During the period from 11/9/2020 to 11/15/2020 the School District of West Salem had two positive COVID-19 cases.