



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 in our West Salem community this past week. We will remain in our virtual learning platform for all students 4K – 12 through December 23rd. This also means that all co-curricular activities will be virtual with competitions postponed through January 3rd as long as we remain in the **RED** category.

The secondary metrics indicate the COVID-19 conditions in La Crosse County also remain in the **RED** category. We will continue to monitor our environment and will provide an update of our plans for the week of January 4th on Wednesday, December 23rd. 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, December 2, 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: 11/23/2020 – 11/29/2020

Primary Metrics (W. Salem Community)	Number	School District Status
7 Day Avg. Case Rate (W. Salem Community)	57.12/100k people	RED
West Salem Municipality Trend	Decreasing	YELLOW

Secondary Metrics (La Crosse Co.)	Number	School District Status
7 Day Average Case Rate (Metric 1)	78.3/100k people	RED
Case Rate Trend (Metric 1, trajectory)	Decreasing	YELLOW

Cases in the School District of West Salem

During the period from 11/23/2020 to 11/29/2020 the School District of West Salem had three positive COVID-19 cases.