



School District of West Salem

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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. However, conditions are improving in our area. This is an excellent sign!

The secondary metrics indicate the COVID-19 conditions in La Crosse County also remain in the **RED** category, but the numbers for our county have also continued to improve over the past couple of weeks. 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 informed decisions in order to get our students back on campus as soon as possible.

Data

On Wednesday, December 9, 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: 11/30/2020 – 12/2/2020

| Primary Metrics (W. Salem Community) | Number | School District Status |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| 7 Day Avg. Case Rate (W. Salem Community) | 53.04/100k people | RED |
| West Salem Municipality Trend | Decreasing | YELLOW |

| Secondary Metrics (La Crosse Co.) | Number | School District Status |
|--|------------------|------------------------|
| 7 Day Average Case Rate (Metric 1) | 63.0/100k people | RED |
| Case Rate Trend (Metric 1, trajectory) | Decreasing | YELLOW |

Cases in the School District of West Salem

During the period from 11/30/2020 to 12/2/2020 the School District of West Salem had three positive COVID-19 cases.