



# 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 RED, which is virtual learning for all of our students 4K-12. This also means that our co-curricular activities will be virtual with competitions postponed for the week of September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The secondary metrics indicate the COVID-19 conditions in the community are also increasing. We will continue to monitor our environment and will provide an update of our plans for the week of October 5<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. This communication will continue weekly. We are tracking and charting both county and municipality data to observe the trend of the data to make an informed decision on when to bring our students back to campus.

## Data

On Wednesday, September 23, 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: 9/16/2020 - 9/22/2020

Primary Metrics	Number	School District Status
7 Day Average Case Rate (Metric 1)	97.0/100k people	RED
7 Day Average Positive Test Ratio (Metric 9)	39.7 %	RED

Secondary Metrics	Number	School District Status
West Salem Municipality Case Rate	45.2/100k people	RED
7 Day Origin - Close Contact % (Case data)	64.9%	ORANGE
Case Rate Trend (Metric 1, trajectory)	Increasing	RED

## Cases in the School District of West Salem

During the period from 9/16/2020 to 9/22/2020 the School District of West Salem had two positive COVID-19 cases in the district.