



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 the orange, which is in-person instruction for our K-5 students, while 6-12 students will be receiving instruction in our blended learning model. So we are on where we intended for us to be on Monday, September 14.

The secondary metrics indicate the COVID-19 conditions in the community are not improving. Starting on Wednesday, September 16, we will provide information on the anticipated future mode of learning. With the current conditions of the secondary metrics, we would still continue on with our intended plan of instruction going into the week of September 14.

Data

On Wednesday, September 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: 9/2/2020 - 9/8/2020

Primary Metrics	Number	School District Status
7 Day Average Case Rate (Metric 1)	21.2/100k people	ORANGE
7 Day Average Positive Test Ratio (Metric 9)	18.1%	RED

Secondary Metrics	Number	School District Status
7 Day Origin - Close Contact % (Case data)	61.2%	ORANGE
Case Rate Trend (Metric 1, trajectory)	Increasing	RED/ORANGE

Cases in the School District of West Salem

During the period from 9/2/2020 to 9/8/2020 the School District of West Salem has not had any positive cases in the district and two close contacts of a positive case in the school district.