



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 21st.

The secondary metrics indicate the COVID-19 conditions in the community are not improving. We will continue to monitor our environment and will provide an update of our plans for the week of September 28th on Wednesday, September 23rd. We will be making decisions on a weekly basis as we want to have our students in our buildings and with our staff as much as possible.

Data

On Wednesday, September 16, 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: 9/9/2020 - 9/15/2020

Primary Metrics	Number	School District Status
7 Day Average Case Rate (Metric 1)	67.9/100k people	RED
7 Day Average Positive Test Ratio (Metric 9)	34.4%	RED

Secondary Metrics	Number	School District Status
West Salem Municipality Case Rate	45.2/100k people	RED
7 Day Origin - Close Contact % (Case data)	60.4%	ORANGE
Case Rate Trend (Metric 1, trajectory)	Increasing	RED/ORANGE

Cases in the School District of West Salem

During the period from 9/9/2020 to 9/15/2020 the School District of West Salem had two students who have confirmed positive cases with no exposure to students in our school as this occurred prior to face-to-face instruction. There are currently seventeen students on quarantine due to close contacts in the community or at home with no exposures at school.