



COVID-19 Decision-making process

The State of Minnesota no longer has a required Safe Learning Plan to guide decision making based on data points. The PLSAS COVID-19 Incident Command Team meets with Scott County Public Health on a weekly basis to make adjustments to the district's Safe Learning Plan, if needed. To guide decision-making, the district monitors several data points, including:

- Scott County case rate data. If 50 cases per 10,000 are reported, the COVID-19 Incident Command Team will determine if additional mitigation strategies need to be implemented at the building level, including required masking, increased physical distancing and assigned seating, if possible.
- COVID-19 and Influenza-Like Illness case rates in our schools.
- Patterns reported in early learning and elementary classroom cases. If 3 or more positive cases are reported in a classroom within 14 days, the COVID-19 Incident Command Team comes together to review and discuss if transmission may be happening. This Team comes together again if subsequent cases are reported to determine if additional mitigation strategies are needed or if the classroom needs to move to Distance Learning to prevent ongoing COVID-19 transmission.
- COVID-19 case rates throughout each building. If the case-rate percentage exceeds 5% in the last 14 days, the building principal and COVID-19 Incident Command Team review case rates, location of cases and identify if patterns of cases are occurring. If the cases appear to be widespread, the building may need to move to Distance Learning to prevent ongoing transmission. If case-rates are concentrated within specific classrooms, affected classrooms may need to move to Distance Learning while remaining classrooms remain in-person.
- Operational logistics including staffing. Staffing patterns and substitute fill rates are reviewed weekly at our COVID-19 Incident Command Team meetings to determine operational sustainability. For example, if we do not have enough bus drivers to provide transportation service, we will need to make an immediate move to Distance Learning.

Elementary schools will continue to send a notification when we become aware of a positive case in a student's classroom and will communicate school-wide if there is an influx of cases in the building. Secondary building principals will continue to send an update weekly regarding the number of cases in the building. These notices will be important for you to understand the specific situation for your child's building so that you can prepare should a learning model change be necessary.