



## Chester County and MNSD COVID-19 Metrics

February 26, 2020 - May 14, 2021

**Important Update - Delaware County has not been in the “substantial” level for the past two consecutive weeks (May 7 and May 14). As such, the PDE Attestation process is no longer applicable for MNSD. Therefore, Chester County and MNSD COVID metrics will no longer be reported after May 14, 2021.**

The below information was taken directly from the Chester County Health Departments Updated Public and Private School Guidance [Chester County School Guidance Document](#)-updated 2-26-21

### Summary

- This document provides public health guidance for re-opening of public and private pre-K to 12 schools during Governor Wolf’s phased reopening of Pennsylvania in response to COVID-19. The guidance as provided by the Chester County Health Department is consistent with guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Education, and Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Health’s Universal Face Covering Order to ensure the schools returning to in-person learning can do so in the safest manner possible. The Health Department recognizes there is a conflict between academic and social/emotional learning in schools and strict adherence to these guidelines. Therefore, alternative guidance is provided to “preferred” guidance where applicable.
- The guidance provided by the Health Department is intended to be an input to school Health and Safety Plans for reopening, and is subject to change as more is understood about COVID-19 and as community transmission and other surveillance metrics are monitored.
- The success of this guidance is dependent upon multiple prevention, containment and mitigation strategies that must be implemented in combination. No one strategy is effective by itself.

### Instructional Model

School Superintendents and their governing body are the responsible parties for determining the instructional model that best fits the needs of their community. The Health Department guidance should be used to help guide school districts in how to safely conduct in-person learning. The Health Department will not determine how schools should be providing education. Schools are encouraged to engage families to ensure changes in instructional model do not negatively impact families. Schools are also encouraged to be as creative as possible in ensuring the individual educational needs of students are being met leading to the best possible educational outcomes.

County Transmission Level and Physical Distancing The risk of COVID-19 transmission will be defined by the 7-day incidence rate per 100,000 and 7-day percent positivity. The transmission levels will be as follows and incorporate the physical distancing guidance:

Community

7-day Incidence

7-Day Percent

Physical Distancing\*

Transmission Level	Rate per 100,000	Positivity	
Low	< 10	< 5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 feet to the greatest extent possible is recommended for students; at no time should be less than 3 feet permitted</li> <li>6 feet is required for staff (staff-to-staff and staff-to-student interactions)</li> </ul>
Moderate	10 - 49	≥ 5% and < 7%	
High	50 - 99	≥ 7% and < 10%	
Very High	≥ 100	≥ 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 feet is strongly recommended for students</li> <li>6 feet is required for staff (staff-to-staff and staff-to-student interactions)</li> </ul>

\*Transient interactions of less than 3 feet, such as passing in the hallway, handing in papers to the teacher, etc. are unavoidable.

If the County's Transmission Level changes to a lower or higher level for three (3) consecutive weeks, schools are encouraged to reassess their instructional model and adjust if necessary. If thresholds are being met at the extreme upper/lower edges of the range, schools are cautioned to consider an additional week of monitoring prior to any such adjustments. It may be necessary to monitor incidence rates and positivity rates of neighboring counties depending upon location.

The above thresholds serve as guidance and must be considered along with additional information such as the number of COVID-19 cases in schools, evidence of transmission within schools, staffing levels, adherence to mitigation measures, etc. In combination with the thresholds, the additional information is used to assess the best course of action to maintain the health and safety of students and staff.

### Where Delaware County and MNSD are each week:

Data taken from Chester County ["Monitoring and Protecting our Progress"](#)

<b>MNSD Rates</b> * Percent Positivity is not reported for each school district therefore Delaware County data will be used		<b>Delaware County Rates</b>	
DATE	INCIDENCE RATE MNSD Geographical Boundary per 100,000	INCIDENCE RATE per 100,000 Delaware County (# of new cases for 7 days period)	PERCENT PCR POSITIVITY Delaware County (% of all positive PCR tests)
Feb 26	139.85	115.92	6.20%
Mar 5	142.49	107.28	5.43%
Mar 12	142.49	107.28	6.10%
Mar 19	124.02	102.16	5.40%
Mar 26	76.52	128.63	6.01%

Apr 2	134.57	197.27	8.58%
Apr 9	160.96	195.50	8.42%
Apr 16	145.13	227.09	9.01%
Apr 23	211.09	205.21	8.58%
Apr 30	100.27	133.04	6.64%
May 7	79.16	93.69	5.07%
May 14	65.97	66.70	3.87%
<b>Last 4 week average:</b>		125.06	6.20%