

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Maintain an appropriate balance between the health and safety of our students, staff and community AND providing the best learning opportunities possible for our students.**

# DATA

MDH weekly report of county-by-county cases per 10,000 residents. Report is released every Thursday.

- Report released Thursday, December 31: **63.96**
- Previous reports: December 24-- 99.88, December 17-- 124.64, December 10-- 153.80, December 3-- 191.95

**As of December 17, 2020:**

- **No longer part of the learning model selection process for elementary schools.**
- **Continues to be part of the learning model process for secondary schools.**

# ADDITIONAL FACTORS

- District systems of operations
  - Staffing
  - Student attendance
  - State of physical spaces
  - Food service
  - Transportation
- Direction of trend in [COVID-19 cases](#). Internal [tracking of initial daily reports](#).
- Strength of trend in cases per 10,000 residents
- Future stability of current level of cases per 10,000 residents
- Daily case rates in Scott County and Minnesota
- School case rates vs. county case rates
- Testing rates in Minnesota
- Percent of positive tests
- Consultation and approval of learning model plan by Regional Support Team (MDH/MDE/Scott County)

# PANDEMIC RESPONSE ADVISORY TEAM PLAN UPDATE

Activities & Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Continue to follow the directives of the Governor's orders and the MSHSL<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Restart on January 4, 2021 (competitions may resume on January 14)</li></ul></li></ul>
Rental of our facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Continue to follow the directives of the Governor's orders for youth sports, etc.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Restart on January 4, 2021</li></ul></li></ul>

# PANDEMIC RESPONSE ADVISORY TEAM PLAN UPDATE

## Secondary Schools

- Continue to follow the same rules and parameters
  - Cases per 10,000 residents of Scott County
  - Local data
  - Other pertinent data
  - Systems and operations considerations

**ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION:** Remain in distance learning through at least January 15. Continue to monitor the situation. **Most likely, the Pandemic Response Advisory Team will not recommend any changes to the secondary learning model prior to February 1, at the earliest.**

*Note: The new rules and guidance suggest we would need to do a rolling start in each of the secondary buildings. Thus, we would likely have grades 6,7,8, and 9,10 return to hybrid learning on day one, and then have grades 11,12 return to hybrid learning two weeks later on day 15.*

# RECOMMENDATION OF THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE ADVISORY TEAM

Elementary Schools

**ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION from the Pandemic Response Advisory Team: Students in the IHD program in grades K-2 will shift to in-person learning beginning Monday, January 25. Students in grades 3-5 remain in distance learning on January 25. Grades 3-5 will shift to in-person learning on Monday, February 8.**

- **Planning days for only staff in IHD program in grades K-5 on January 21 and 22 (no school for students).**

Significant changes to rules and guidance from the Governor and MDE/MDH pertaining to elementary schools..

- Previous rules (those still being employed for the secondary schools) have been replaced by new guidance.
  - Elementary schools are comparatively safer than secondary schools and other locations/activities.

*\*The Pandemic Response Advisory Team also recommends CONTINUING TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE SITUATION*

- *PRAT meetings on January 7 and January 14*

QUESTIONS?