

Worthington Schools COVID Update



WE BELIEVE IN-PERSON LEARNING IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR STUDENTS

OPTIONS:

- JANUARY 4 K-12 HYBRID
- JANUARY 4 K-6 HYBRID / 7-12 REMOTE
- JANUARY 11 K-12 HYBRID
- JANUARY 11 K-8 HYBRID / 9-12 REMOTE until 1/15
- JANUARY 19 K-12 HYBRID

LEARNING MODE DECISION MAKING GUIDE

	Goal Learning Mode		
Primary Factors and Thresholds for Reaching Goal Learning Mode	GREEN ZONE Lower Risk of Transmission Full In-Person	YELLOW ZONE Moderate Risk of Transmission Hybrid	RED ZONE Higher Risk of Transmission Full Remote
Cases/100,000 people in the last two weeks (Worthington City School District Attendance Zone) via COVID-19 Analytics and Targeted Surveillance	<50	50-250	>250
5 Mitigation Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistent and correct use of masks• Social distancing to 6 feet• Hand hygiene• Cleaning and disinfection• Contact tracing	4 met	5 met	N/A

Secondary factors to be taken into consideration

- Student and Staff Absenteeism
- Effects of asymptomatic quarantine students/staff on district operations
- Percentage of PCR tests that are positive during the last 14 days
- State of Ohio County Warning levels (Yellow, Orange, Red and Purple) for Franklin and Delaware
- School clinic visits/1000 for COVID/Influenza-like symptoms (relative to historical trends)
- District level Student Achievement Data (high school, middle schools, elementary school)
- Central OH data on rates of infection and positive testing for specific age groups
- Other specific building data may indicate the need for step down at a particular building (example, an outbreak in a specific building)
- Teacher, staff, administration, parent data/feedback
- Expert opinions of county or state level public health officials

The purpose of secondary factor analysis will be to assist and further guide decision making at each two-week interval.

COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports 12/2/20 (CATS)

Two Week Rate per 100,000

District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	588	607	(574, 641)
Canal Winchester Local School District	728	802	(767, 837)
Columbus City School District	669	727	(709, 745)
Dublin City School District	801	851	(830, 873)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	814	906	(877, 934)
Grandview Heights City School District	888	967	(909, 1025)
Groveport Madison Local School District	673	715	(693, 737)
Hamilton Local School District	484	566	(532, 599)
Hilliard City School District	817	878	(854, 902)
Licking Heights Local School District	905	1003	(965, 1042)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	667	753	(721, 786)
Pickerington Local School District	774	846	(816, 875)
Reynoldsburg City School District	914	980	(948, 1013)
South-Western City School District	731	793	(773, 813)
Upper Arlington City School District	653	708	(686, 730)
Westerville City School District	640	685	(667, 703)
Whitehall City School District	832	888	(850, 925)
Worthington City School District	621	701	(680, 723)

COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports 12/9/20 (CATS)

Date range for rates in this table is from 2020-11-26 to 2020-12-10.

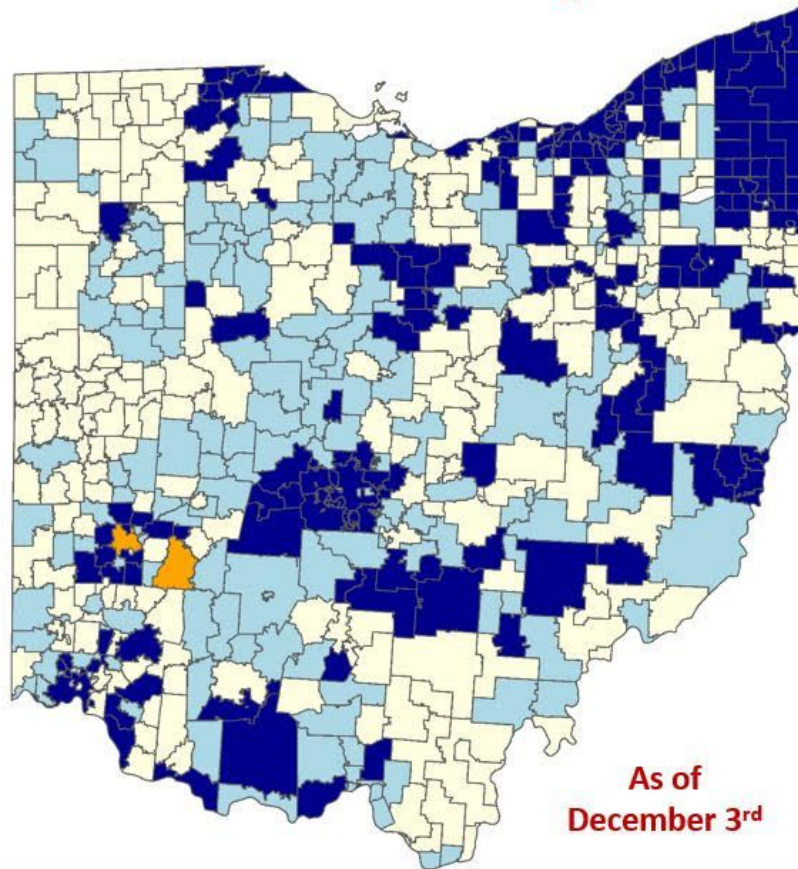
Two Week Rate per 100,000			
District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	501	509	(477, 542)
Canal Winchester Local School District	973	1039	(1004, 1074)
Columbus City School District	803	832	(815, 848)
Dublin City School District	953	1001	(981, 1021)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	944	967	(939, 995)
Grandview Heights City School District	1070	1119	(1056, 1181)
Groveport Madison Local School District	802	835	(811, 859)
Hamilton Local School District	807	874	(838, 909)
Hilliard City School District	911	930	(908, 952)
Licking Heights Local School District	1206	1283	(1241, 1326)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	790	842	(810, 875)
Pickerington Local School District	961	1021	(992, 1051)
Reynoldsburg City School District	1142	1172	(1139, 1206)
South-Western City School District	968	1018	(998, 1039)
Upper Arlington City School District	768	777	(755, 800)
Westerville City School District	778	798	(781, 816)
Whitehall City School District	954	1012	(972, 1051)
Worthington City School District	820	857	(837, 876)

School Model Status Update

Model Type	Number of Districts	Percentage of Districts	Number of Students	Percentage of Students
Full In-Person	245	40.2%	451,155	29.1%
Partial In-Person	177	29.1%	388,391	25.1%
Full Remote	185	30.4%	691,861	44.7%
Closed	2	0.3%	16,502	1.1%
Total	609	100.0%	1,547,909	100.0%

As of
December 3rd

Education Delivery Model



Instructional Model

- 5-Day In-Person (245)
- Hybrid (177)
- Fully Remote (185)
- Closed All Week (2)

Worthington Schools COVID-19 Dashboard

	New Cases This Week: 12/07/20 - 12/13/20			Cumulative Total	Quarantine Reports Updated Daily	
Building	Staff Positive	Student Positive	Total Positives	Total Positives Since 8/17/20	Daily Staff Quarantine	Daily Student Quarantine
Thomas Worthington High Sc...	0	1	1	42	2	6
Worthington Kilbourne High S...	0	2	2	28	6	0
* Linworth Experiential Progra...	0	0	*	0	0	0
* Worthington Academy	0	0	*	2	0	0
Kilbourne Middle School	0	0	0	4	1	0
Mc Cord Middle School	0	1	1	16	3	0
Phoenix Middle School	1	0	1	9	2	0
Worthingway Middle School	0	1	1	24	0	0
Bluffsview Elementary	1	0	1	7	2	0
Brookside Elementary	0	1	1	4	8	3
Colonial Hills Elementary	0	0	0	1	0	0
Evening Street Elementary	1	0	1	5	0	0
Granby Elementary	0	0	0	5	1	0
Liberty Elementary	1	0	1	5	1	0
Slate Hill Elementary	0	0	0	8	1	0
Wilson Hill Elementary	0	2	2	6	0	0
Worthington Estates Element...	0	0	0	6	2	0
Worthington Hills Elementary	0	2	2	7	3	0
Worthington Park Elementary	0	1	1	5	3	2
Sutter Park Elementary	0	0	0	4	1	0
Other District Buildings	0	0	0	8	3	0
Grand total	4	11	15	196	39	11

UPDATED COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

CPH has announced they are reducing our close contact quarantine period to 10 days. (previously 14) There is no test required. Any student or employee currently quarantined can return after 10 days out. Each school will coordinate student/parent notification and HR will alert our employees currently quarantined.

*The CDC had discussed a 7 day quarantine with a negative test. In Columbus, this only applies to health care workers (school nurse or HOA) The PCR test would need to be administered on day 5 or 6 to qualify.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

As anticipated, medical professionals have determined that small gatherings at people's homes appear to be driving COVID-19 cases and hospital admission numbers. Our local authorities have confirmed, and recent data continue to support, that school-aged children remain a very small percentage of COVID-19 cases in our region, state and nation. Given these findings, medical experts have expressed their support for the various health measures that schools have in place, as well as instructional models that mitigate transmission while safely allowing in-person teaching and learning to take place.

Local health officials also conveyed to us that the pandemic's mental health impact on youth is one of the medical community's greatest concerns. Isolation and fear of the unknown are causing significant spikes in anxiety and depression. The consistency of following our Hybrid Learning model, as well as allowing students to be with friends and trusted educators in a safe, structured, school environment.

OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

“CALL TO ACTION”

Due to the extraordinary and dangerous spike in COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths across the state since early November and anticipated additional increase in case numbers arising from social gatherings over the Thanksgiving holiday, OEA calls for the immediate suspension of all in-person instruction until January 11, 2021 to allow for a statewide post-holiday quarantine period and a safe restart of in-person instruction at the conclusion of that period. The decision to provide remote instruction or suspend instruction altogether and extend the school year should be a local one in conformity with any applicable collective bargaining agreement, but schools should regardless use this period to refine their delivery model and make other necessary adjustments to allow them to execute their instructional plan. Essential programs, such as food delivery, will need to continue regardless of the school's operating status.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATION

Return Hybrid K-12 January 11th. The extra time from the 4th - 11th will allow us to hopefully intercept any students and staff who exhibit symptoms during and after winter break to help circumvent COVID-19 positive spread and corresponding quarantining.

- Trent Bowers

QUESTIONS