

# **SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION TIERED RESPONSE PLAN**

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Pekin Public Schools District 108's Revisions to the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan were created using four metrics developed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the District's Covid 19 Data Tracker. The plan is based on three levels of school/district transmission.

In addition to the overarching District Plan, an operational plan for each school will also be maintained taking into account the unique characteristics of each facility such as student enrollment, physical space, and availability of staff. The school level plans are designed to operationalize the District safety expectations.

All school level plans will include, but are not limited to the following mitigations at each transmission level: expectations for the use of face coverings for students and staff, appropriate signage and messaging throughout the school and in classrooms, guidelines and procedures for physical distancing on school grounds inside and outside of the school building, hand hygiene practices, health screenings, illness diagnosis and monitoring, procedures for visitors, procedures for student arrival and dismissal, procedures for lunch, recess, restroom use, and a daily/weekly regiment for cleaning.



## DISTRICT TRANSMISSION LEVELS

	<b>Minimal Transmission (Blue)</b>	<b>Moderate Transmission (Yellow)</b>	<b>Substantial Transmission (Red)</b>
<b>School</b>	0-4% positive COVID 19 cases* and less than four Tazewell County Metrics are Substantial	5-9% positive COVID 19 cases* or four Tazewell County Metrics are Substantial	10% or higher positive COVID 19 cases* and four Tazewell County Metrics are Substantial
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## COUNTY LEVEL METRICS

- **Test Positivity:** (%) Positive tests reported Sunday to Saturday
- **New Cases per 100,000:** New positive cases reported Sunday to Saturday
- **New Cases:** New positive youth cases reported Sunday to Saturday
- **Youth Case increase:** New youth cases reported Sunday to Saturday



## **Low Transmission (Blue)**

**Less than four Tazewell County metrics are substantial and D108 positivity rate is not greater than 4%**

- Masks are recommended for all students, faculty, and staff in all areas of the school buildings and buses
- Masks are recommended for all students, faculty, and staff in classrooms
- Physical distancing at 3 feet or as much as possible
- Hourly and nightly disinfection of surfaces and high-traffic areas
- Air purifiers used in classrooms and other areas regularly occupied by students and staff
- Students/staff who test positive will be excluded as per local health department guidelines
- Confirmed close contacts or symptomatic individuals will be addressed on a case-by-case basis as per directives from the local department of public health
- Voluntary rapid testing may be used for symptomatic individuals



## **Moderate Transmission (Yellow)**

**Four Tazewell County metrics are Substantial or D108 positivity rate is between 5% and 9%**

- Masks are recommended for all students, faculty, and staff in all areas of the school buildings and buses
- Physical distancing at least 3 feet or greater
- Temperature screenings upon entry
- Use of seating charts in each classroom and lunch room
- Hourly and nightly disinfection of surfaces and high-traffic areas
- Air purifiers used in classrooms and other areas regularly occupied by student and staff
- Students/staff who test positive will be excluded as per local health department guidelines
- Confirmed close contacts or symptomatic individuals will be addressed on a case-by-case basis as per directives from the local department of public health
- Voluntary rapid testing may be used for symptomatic individuals
- Visitors to school facilities may be limited
- Masks are recommended for visitors to the school
- School assemblies, field trips and programs may be modified or postponed
- Classroom level or school level temporary 'adaptive pause' as determined necessary, in conjunction with the local department of public health



## **Substantial Transmission (Red)**

**Four Tazewell County metrics are Substantial and D108 positivity rate is 10% or greater**

- Masks are required for all students, faculty, and staff in all areas of the school buildings and buses in conjunction with an order from the local department of public health
- Physical distancing of 3 feet or greater
- Temperature screenings upon entry
- Use of seating charts in each classroom, lunch room and use of the pod concept to assist with close contact tracing
- Hourly and nightly disinfection of surfaces and high-traffic areas
- Air purifiers used in classrooms and other areas regularly occupied by students and staff
- Students/staff who test positive will be excluded as per local health department guidelines
- Confirmed close contacts or symptomatic individuals will be addressed on a case-by-case basis as per directives from the local department of public health
- Voluntary rapid testing may be used for symptomatic individuals
- Visitors to the school will not be allowed
- School assemblies, field trips, and programs will be postponed or cancelled
- Classroom level, school level, or district level temporary 'adaptive pause' as determined necessary, in conjunction with the local department of public health