



Washington GSD #52 COVID-19 Community Based Metrics

The following metrics have been developed for Washington Grade School District #52 in working with the Tazewell County Health Department. These metrics and guidelines will be followed to better inform our decision making when it comes to the specific learning environment. In absence of more clarity from IDPH, these guidelines will be used and possibly adjusted at the local level.

WGSD #52 will look at the following [county](#) and local metrics as a baseline for making decisions on our learning model in collaboration with TCHD:

1. Positivity rate (Warning level: 8%)
2. New cases per 100,000 (Warning level: > 50 per 100,000)
3. Number of new cases compared to youth cases (Warning level: Increasing)
4. Youth (< age 20) case increase (Warning level: Increasing)

When any three of the four reach the warning level, we will consider transitioning to all-remote learning for all students until we see improvement in mitigation efforts and a declining trend in the specific metrics which exceeded the warning level. We will also take the following into consideration:

1. Number and/or percentage of student and staff in our district that are COVID-19 positive or in quarantine and the rate of increase or decrease. ([See D52 Dashboard](#))
2. ICU bed availability (Target: At least 20% availability)
3. Number of CLI admissions (Target: Decreasing or stable)

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- If there are two positive cases that can be linked within the same building defined by person, place, and time within 14 days (not living in the same household), we may close for a short period of time, at least 24 hours for deep cleaning and then reopen.
- When there is an outbreak in a classroom (2 cases linked), the entire classroom may go remote for two weeks.
- When more than one class in an isolated location of the building or grade level has an outbreak, the entire location or grade level may go remote for two weeks.

- When more than one grade level or general area has a linked outbreak, the entire building may go remote for two weeks.
- When the entire building enters all remote for a second time, it may be extended to the end of the trimester. If the current trimester has less than 2 weeks remaining, the remote learning may be implemented for the following trimester.

Protocols to Follow

Parents will be notified of the following steps and are asked to contact schools immediately when their child has been exposed or tests positive.

A student/staff is sent to isolation room with symptoms and sent home

- The class can be escorted outside if possible
- The classroom will be cleaned and sanitized the following morning (24 hr. waiting period)
- Follow D52 [Protocol](#)

A student/staff tests positive

- Contact Tracing and Communication with TCHD
- Prompt Communication to Parents
- Close off spaces used and clean/sanitize the following morning
- Follow D52 [Protocol](#) (classroom or close contacts quarantine and go remote)