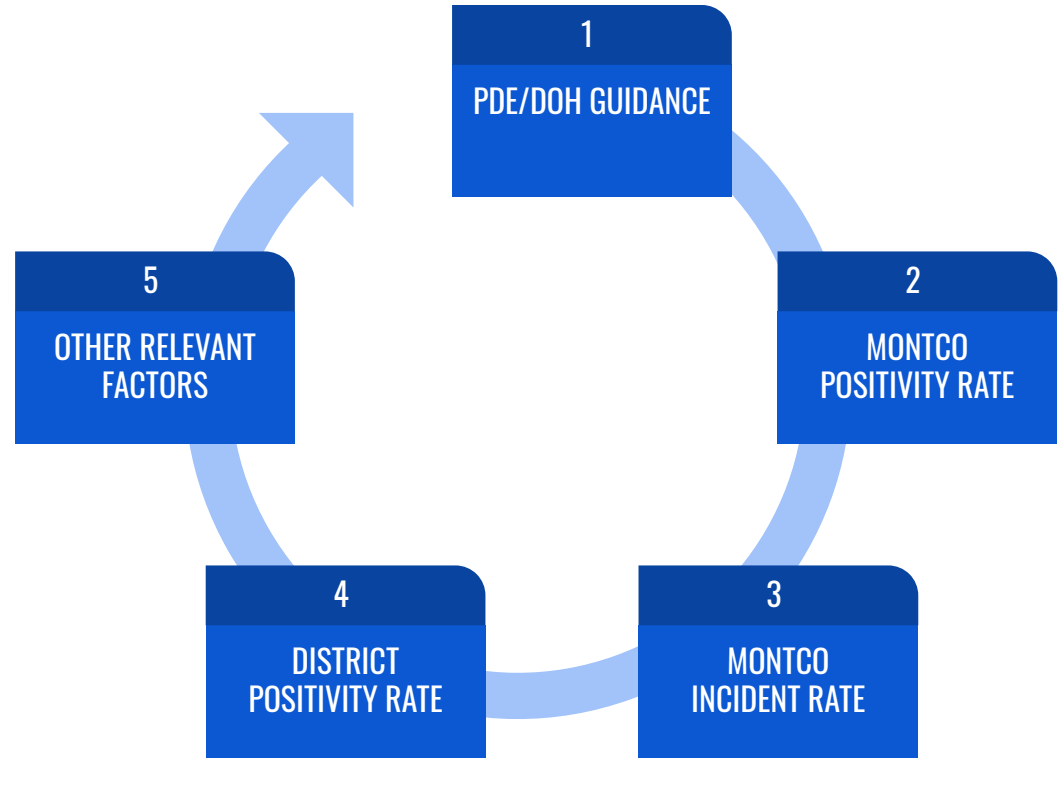


**UPPER
PERKIOMEN
SCHOOL
DISTRICT
INSTRUCTIONAL
MODEL
DISCUSSION**



FACTORS TO CONSIDER

The transition from a full virtual program to either a hybrid or full face to face instructional model will require the board of school directors to examine several factors when making a determination on how to proceed.



PDE and DOH GUIDANCE

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) provided the guidance below to school districts that align COVID-19 incidence and positivity rates, by county, to the recommended instructional models to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

Transmission	Most Recent (7 Day) Incidence Rate in County	Qualifier	Most Recent (7 Day) Positivity Rate in County	Recommended Instructional Model(s)
Low	Fewer than 10 cases per 100,000 residents	AND	Less than 5%	Full In-person or Blended*
Moderate	At least 10 but less than 100 cases per 100,000 residents	OR	At least 5% but less than 10%	Blended* or Full Remote**
Substantial	At least 100 or more cases per 100,000 residents	OR	Greater than 10%	Full Remote**

MONTCO POSITIVITY RATE (as of September 4, 2020)

Metric for Consideration	Status - Met: M / Not Yet Met: NYM Seven Day Period (8/28/20 - 9/3/20)
Positivity Rate Below 5%	M (3.2%)
Positive Rate Declining Week Over Week	NYM - (Increase from 3.0% to 3.2%)
Incidence Rate Less than 10 per 100,000 Residents (Calculation: # of new cases for the last 7 days / 2018 population x 100,000).	NYM - (Increase from 35.8 to 39.3)
Previous 7 Days Newly Reported Confirmed Cases compared to the Prior 7 Days Newly Reported Confirmed Cases	+29 (326 - most recent 7 days; 297 - previous 7 days)

MONTCO TRANSMISSION RATE (as of September 7, 2020)

Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools in Determining Instructional Models: The table below is updated weekly on PDE's website (education.pa.gov/COVID19) to reflect data for the week ending the previous Friday.

County	Week ending 10/16/20	Week ending 10/9/20	Week ending 10/2/20	Week ending 9/25/20	Week ending 9/18/20	Week ending 9/11/20	Week ending 9/4/2020	Week ending 8/28/20	Week ending 8/21/20	Week ending 8/14/20	Week ending 8/7/2020	Week ending 7/31/2020
MONTCO							Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

DISTRICT POSITIVITY RATE (as of September 7, 2020)

Montgomery County, PA - COVID-19 Website - Number of Increased Cases over last 7 & 14 Days
 Data Collected Every Friday (Week Ending)

EXAMPLE: 1 / 4 = 1 positive case in last 7 days and 4 positive cases total in last 14 days

# of cases last 7 / 14 days	Week ending 10/16/20	Week ending 10/9/20	Week ending 10/2/20	Week ending 9/25/20	Week ending 9/18/20	Week ending 9/11/20	Week ending 9/4/2020	Week ending 8/28/20
East Greenville							1 / 2	1 / 4
Green Lane							0 / 0	0 / 0
Red Hill							2 / 3	1 / 1
Pennsburg							1 / 1	0 / 0
Marlborough							1 / 2	5 / 11
Upper Hanover							2 / 4	2 / 4

Additional Considerations (as of September 4, 2020)

Montgomery County Data - Most Recent Seven Day Period

(Most Recent 7-Day period - Aug 28 - Sept 3)

[Source - COVID-19 Early Warning Dashboard](#)

Metric for Consideration	Status - Increased, Remained Same, Decreased From Previous 7 days to Most Recent 7 days Seven Data Period (Updated 9/4/20)
Average Daily COVID-19 Specific Hospitalizations	INCREASED (41.4 to 44.1)
Average Daily COVID-19 Patients on Ventilators	INCREASED (6.3 to 7.7)
Percentage of Hospital Emergency Visits due to COVID-like illness	REMAINED (0.6% to 0.6%)

An aerial photograph of a large, modern school building complex. The building is multi-winged with a mix of brick and light-colored panels. It is surrounded by green lawns, a paved track, and a large parking lot. In the background, there is a large body of water and a forested hillside under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

**OTHER RELEVANT
DISTRICT FACTORS**

STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS

POSITION/GROUP	RECOMMENDATION	EXPENDITURE	TIMELINE
Nursing Support	1 additional/building	\$43.00-\$53.00/hour, per staff (\$1612.50-\$1987.50/day)	Begin by October 2020
Facilities Support	10 additional custodians (district) 1 Mechanic (unfilled)	\$20.25-\$22.63/ hour, per staff (\$810-\$905.20/ day)	Begin by October 2020
Food Service	Reinstate positions that were temporarily eliminated	N/A	When all students return face to face
Professional & Support Staff	Post and Interview for Positions that were "on-hold" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MS Admin Assist (Guidance) - HS Admin Assist (Student Services) - MS - FCS Teacher 	N/A	Positions Posted - Set to Start by November 30

FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS

POSITION/GROUP	RECOMMENDATION	EXPENDITURE	TIMELINE
Isolation Room	2 Additional Locations/Buildings	\$3,800/HEPA Filter	Prior to 11/20/2020
HVAC Review	Ongoing inspection of major mechanical systems by mechanical contractor	Inspection costs of approximately \$5,000 per school plus repair costs	Prior to 11/20/2020
Single Point of Entry/Exit	Expand to accommodate increased building occupancy	Cost associated with enhance cleaning requirements	Ongoing
Additional PPE	Secure additional cleaning and personal protective equipment	\$91,000 in expenditures to date	Ongoing
Close/Limit District Facilities to Outside Organizations	Continue to ensure academic instruction is the priority (7-4)	N/A	Potentially through the duration of the school year
Industrial Hygienist Recommendations	Continue utilization to scale up the social distancing efforts and evaluate environmental factors.	\$70,000 currently planned via PCCD Covid Grant Funding	Prior to 11/20/2020

Other Considerations

Workforce Availability - Survey to be Sent by Oct 5, 2020 to Professional Staff and Paraprofessionals

Parent Declaration - Survey to be Sent by Oct 26, 2020 to Families for Planning Purposes, if change to Instructional Model (include participation in UPSD Transportation)

Transportation - New Bussing Routes, Bus Stops, Pick-up / Drop-off Times, AM/PM Kindergarten

Teacher Preparation/Training - Transition to New Instructional Model

Schedule Adjustments - Daily Student and Staff Schedule Changes (Dependent on Model)

COVID-19 Testing - Access to Tests, Communication, Contact Tracing, Exclusion Criteria



What is the Timeline?

Sept. 10 - Presentation to the School Board (Overview Metrics and Factors)

Sept. 11 Post Presentation and UPSD Metrics for Returning to In-Person Instruction

Tuesdays in Sept + Oct - Weekly Update of UPSD Metrics Document

Oct. 2 - Survey to ALL Families to provide feedback from start of 2020-21 school year

Oct. 5 - Survey to ALL Professional and Paraprofessional Staff - Availability to Return

Oct. 22 - Workshop Presentation & Recommendation for Instructional Model beginning November 30, 2020



QUESTIONS?