



GUIDANCE FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

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This guidance is to help schools understand the COVID-19 public health risk to make decisions about opening/reopening schools and is subject to change at any time based on the latest information.

Epidemiologic risk is determined at the county level based on the MISafeMap (cases per million people, case rate trends, percent of positive tests, and trends in percent positivity). OCHD also reviews local healthcare capacity strengths and community testing capacity when determining risk. Visit oakgov.com/covid/schools for a weekly update of COVID-19 data.

OCHD will work with each school district to determine their place within the chart on page 2. OCHD uses case investigation and contact tracing data to assess if schools have known cases among staff or students in the past 14 days and if the building has evidence of ongoing transmission (i.e., continued spread between students and staff at the school who live in different households).

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

- Ongoing transmission in a building: defined as multiple cases (3 or more) in students or staff occurring within a 14-day period that do not have a known source outside the school building. Schools should be tracking how and where students and staff are moving throughout the building and who they are interacting with. Consideration to whether cases within the school building that occur within 14 days of each other actually had contact with one another should be given.
- Mitigation measures: include required and strongly recommended measures in MI Safe School's Return to School Roadmap. Other innovative approaches to risk reduction may be considered from sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or Resolve to Save Lives.
- Reduce density: hybrid instruction approach of some in person and some remote learning to ensure social distancing and learning are both possible.
- At high level of community transmission, individual buildings become early indicators of future spread and their status impacts the rest of the district.

WORKING DRAFT



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SCHOOL BUILDING SPREAD INDICATORS

COUNTY LEVEL RISK DETERMINATION

	No cases in school building	Building(s) with known cases in staff or students but no ongoing transmission	Building(s) with evidence of ongoing transmission
LOW RISK	In person allowed with mitigation measures	In person allowed with strict mitigation measures after cleaning/contact tracing	In person allowed with strict mitigation in affected buildings with cases after an appropriate pause
A	In person allowed with strict mitigation measures	In person allowed with strict mitigation measures after cleaning/contact tracing	In person allowed with strict mitigation in affected buildings with cases after an appropriate pause
B	In person allowed with strict mitigation measures	In person allowed with strict mitigation measures after cleaning/contact tracing	Consider reduced density in affected buildings with cases after an appropriate pause
C	In person allowed with strict mitigation measures	Consider reduced density in affected buildings after cleaning/contact tracing	Consider reduced density in affected buildings with cases after an appropriate pause
D	Consider reduced density allowed with strict mitigation measures	Consider reduced density affected buildings after cleaning/contact tracing	Consider remote instruction in the affected building for 28 days
E	Consider pausing (14 days) in person instruction in entire district to discuss protection strategies including but not limited to testing	Consider remote instruction in entire district	Consider remote instruction in entire district

● <7 cases per million;
<3% percent positivity

● 7 to <20 cases per million;
3 to <7% percent positivity

● 20 to <40 cases per million;
7 to <10% percent positivity

● 40 to <70 cases per million;
10 to <15% percent positivity

● 70 to <150 cases per million;
15 to <20% percent positivity

● 150 or greater cases per million;
20 or greater percent positivity