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Dear Parkland Staff and Families,

I am writing to inform you of a meeting hosted today by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) with respect to county levels of transmission of COVID-19 and instructional models for all school leaders in Lehigh County. PDE and PA DOH issued a chart in August 2020 that created three tiers of community transmission rates that school districts should use to determine if in-person instruction should occur. The tiers (low, moderate, substantial spread) look at incidence rate and positivity rate metrics as noted in the chart below:

### PDE Chart Issued in August 2020

Level of Community Transmission in the County	Incidence Rate per 100,000 Residents (Most Recent 7 Days)	AND/OR	PCR Percent Positivity (Most Recent 7 Days)	Recommended Instructional Models
Low	<10	AND	<5%	Full in-person Model  OR  Blended Learning Model
Moderate	10 to <100	OR	5% to <10%	Blended Learning Model  OR  Full Remote Learning Model
Substantial	≥100	OR	≥10%	Full Remote Learning Model



We will continue to monitor this information with PDE and PA DOH and I will keep you informed as we are updated with new information.

Please reference our [coronavirus resource page](#) for more information related to the pandemic and testing resources within our community.

Thank you,

Richard T. Sniscak  
Superintendent of Schools