



ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL

COVID-19 Mode of Instruction

COVID-19 Criteria & Mode of Instruction



COVID-19 Response Timeline

November 2020:

- NYC changes stance on 3% positivity rate
- Formed COVID Task Force with nurses, faculty and administrators
- Task Force weighs in on Phase 1 COVID response (i.e. till the end of the Calendar year)

January 2021:

- Many areas in NYS pass 9% threshold
- Task Force revisits criteria and provides weighting to them
- Task Force and Senior Administrators review the criteria, metrics and weightings
- Vaccinations available to Education Workers

December 2020:

- Task Force brainstorms and ranks first set of criteria to consider when deciding on mode of instruction
- Task Force reflects on testing protocols



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Criteria & Thresholds

For each of the criteria, what are the key inflection points that need to be compared to the dashboard metrics?

Expanded Criteria	Median %	Potential Thresholds
School Positivity Rate	30	5%*
Staff + Student Neighborhood Positivity Rate	10	5%*
New York City Positivity Rate	10	5%*
Average % of Hospital beds occupied by COVID patients in NYC	10	35%**
Parent/Student comfort with Health & Safety of in-person instruction	5	Depends on baseline
Staff comfort with Health & Safety of in-person instruction	5	Depends on baseline
Rate of change of NYC Positivity Rate	5	Increasing
New York City Hospitalizations	5	Further research required
School Neighborhood Positivity Rate	5	5%**

*Based on [WHO](#)

**Based on [NPR](#)

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Potential Scenarios prompting response

Expanded Criteria	Median* %	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
School Positivity Rate	30	Above 5%	Below 5%	Below 5%	Below 5%
Staff + Student Neighborhood Positivity Rate	10		Above 5%	Below 5%	Below 5%
New York City Positivity Rate	10			Above 5%	Above 5%
Average % of Hospital beds occupied by COVID patients in NYC	10			Above 35%	Below 35%
Parent/Student comfort with Health & Safety of in-person instruction	5		Low		Low
Staff comfort with Health & Safety of in-person instruction	5		Low		Low
Rate of change of NYC Positivity Rate	5				
New York City Hospitalizations	5				
School Neighborhood Positivity Rate	5				

Other Considerations

- Faculty vaccination rate
- Pods and faculty affected
- Response of other institutions and schools
- Government guidance
 - NYC → Initially 3% threshold
 - NYS → Initially 9% threshold

