Opening Doors for a New Year of Learning
Darien's Reopening Plan
Update, November 24, 2020

Darien Board of Education
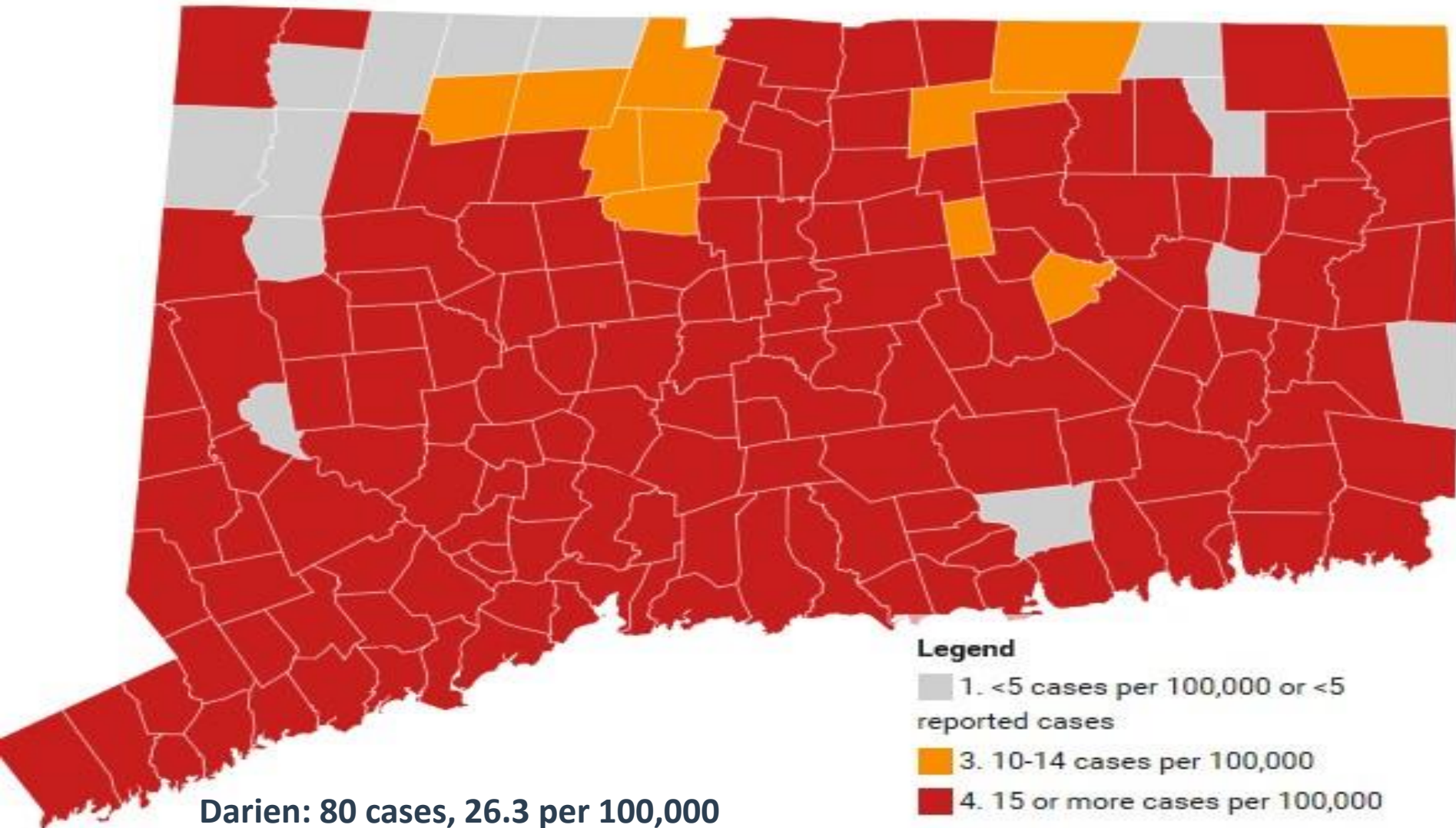
In Person Learning

- School cancellations
- 180/days 900 hours & snow days
- COVID cases & metrics
- Preparations & decision-making for hybrid/remote learning
- Athletics
- COVID-19 Related Expenditures

COVID-19 Cases

LOCATION	CURRENT CASES	CURRENT QUARANTINE	CUMULATIVE CASES	CUMULATIVE QUARANTINE
DHS/FITCH	4	50	20	195
MMS	1	8	9	227
HINDLEY	2	44	3	113
HOLMES	3	77	8	109
OX RIDGE	0	4	2	10
ROYLE	1	6	2	19
TOKENEKE	0	5	2	57
CENTRAL SERVICES	0	1	0	2
Total	11	195	46	732

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons
Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population By Town

Legend
1. <5 cases per 100,000 or <5 reported cases
3. 10-14 cases per 100,000
4. 15 or more cases per 100,000

Darien: 80 cases, 26.3 per 100,000

County Metrics Week ending Nov 20

	Leading Indicator	Secondary Indicators		
County	New COVID-19 Cases (14-day avg. per 100K pop)	Percent Test Positivity	New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions (14-day avg. per 100K pop)	Percent COVID-like illness hospital ED visits
Connecticut	40.7	5.9%	2.6%	4.8%
Fairfield	49.3	8.3%	2.9%	8.0%

SOURCE: CT STATE DATA
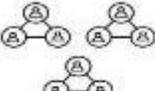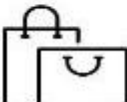
Reopening Schools Metric

Infection Levels in Communities for Consideration of Learning Models for Schools

Leading Indicator	MORE In-Person Learning	Re-assess strategies to determine appropriate balance of in-person and remote learning (hybrid learning)	LESS In-Person Learning
Number of new cases of COVID-19 (14-day average of new cases per 100,000 population per day)	< 10 new cases per 100,000 per day	10 to < 25 cases per 100,000 per day	25+ cases per 100,000 per day

Reduce Person-Density in School Buildings →

Secondary Indicators	MORE In-Person Learning	Re-assess strategies to determine appropriate balance of in-person and remote learning (hybrid learning)	LESS In-Person Learning
Percent positivity rate (# of positive tests/ # of total tests, 14-day average)	Secondary Indicators trending down to flat	**Direction of Change:** Secondary Indicators trending flat to upward	Secondary Indicators trending upward
Number of new COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population (14-day average)	No statistically significant changes to Secondary Indicators	**Speed of Change:** Any statistically significant changes upward to Secondary Indicators	Consistent, statistically significant changes upward to Secondary Indicators
COVID-like and Influenza-like Illness (CLI and ILI) Syndromic Surveillance			

Connecticut Department of Public Health Town-Level COVID Response Framework

	Yellow 5-9 cases per 100k per day	**Orange** 10-14 cases per 100k per day	**Red** 15+ cases per 100k per day
DPH Response	Outreach to Local Health Department	ENCOURAGE TESTING FOR ASYMPTOMATIC RESIDENTS	
		Weekly calls with Local Officials	Issue Public Health Alert
Individuals	Masks, distancing, extra precautions for high risk	HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS SHOULD STAY HOME, STAY SAFE	
		Avoid larger events, limit time with non-family members	Limit trips outside home, avoid gatherings with non-family members
Communities	Scale up public awareness, social media	Scale back public events	Cancel public events and limit community gathering points; Reverse 9-1-1
Organized Group Activities	Move activities outdoors where possible	Limit group sizes; Postpone indoor activities where mask wearing or social distancing cannot be maintained	Postpone all indoor activities; Postpone outdoor activities where mask wearing or social distancing cannot be maintained
Pre K-12 Schools	Re-Enforce and monitor safety measures with staff, students and families	Maximize spacing, mask wearing, ventilation and hygiene to support in-person learning	In collaboration with Local Health Department and Superintendent, consider more distance learning above 25
Business & Sector Rules	REMIND STAFF TO ASSESS THEIR SYMPTOMS DAILY AND NOT REPORT TO WORK IF THEY ARE ILL		
	Phase 3 with enhanced enforcement	Phase 3 with enhanced enforcement	Municipal option to revert to Phase 2

Questions & Comments