Considerations for Reopening Schools in Pennsylvania

A Pennsylvania-specific research report prepared in partnership with the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Mid-Atlantic and Mathematica, one of the nation’s foremost social policy research firms.

Main Components

**Data and Research**
- The most recent and rigorous research on COVID-19, early evidence from international school reopenings, and estimations of educational and other losses from long-term school closures.

**Stakeholder Feedback**
- Formal interviews with public health experts, education organization leaders, school and districts administrators, teachers, parents, state government officials, and others.

**Predictive Modeling**
- Cutting edge, predictive modeling of COVID-19 disease transmission to anticipate differences in transmission associated with different approaches to re-opening schools.

Key Takeaways

1. Work collaboratively to address and resolve pupil transportation barriers.
2. Plan to offer some amount of in-person education for all students.
3. Focus limited resources on highest-leverage public health activities.

Next Steps

Schools can utilize the data and research in this report to inform:

- Development of supports for student and staff wellness
- Preparations for resuming in-person teaching and learning
- Decision-making around the creation of Health and Safety Plans