

A new system that will provide guidance to school districts on which instructional models to utilize during COVID-19 was released today by PDE and Department of Health.

Replacing the county colors of red, green, and yellow for school district use are the new categories of **Low Incidence/Transmission, Moderate Incidence/Transmission, or Substantial Incidence/Transmission**. Each county will depict COVID-19 data over a two week period and school districts are strongly encouraged to examine this data on a weekly basis and look at the recommended models of instruction for each category. These are recommendations, not mandates.

For the purpose of these recommendations, the following terms are used:

- **Full In-person Model:** School is open each day with in-person instruction for all students (with some students/staff in a remote setting as health and safety concerns require).
- **Blended (Hybrid) Learning Model:** Any model in which the [number of students in a school building is reduced to allow for social distancing of 6 feet](#). This may be accomplished in many ways, including split schedules, schedules that rotate by day or week, or similar approaches. For these recommendations, blended learning also includes scaffolded approaches that treat grade levels in a differentiated manner.
- **Full Remote Learning Model:** Any model in which all students engage in all learning remotely.

If fewer than 10 new cases are reported in a county in the most recent 7-day reporting period, the county will automatically qualify as exhibiting a low level of community transmission.

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 Blended Learning Model
Moderate	10 to <100	OR	5% to <10%	OR Full Remote Learning Model
Substantial	≥100	OR	≥10%	Full Remote Learning Model

To access the weekly COVID 19 rates, please click on the link - [COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard](#).