

# Methacton School District

On Premises Instruction Update

# Current Status

- Montgomery County Department of Health order requiring all schools to provide instruction virtually and to suspend in person athletics/activities from November 23, 2020 through December 6, 2020.
- Determination needed by Superintendent by December 3, 2020 as to a potential return to on premises/hybrid instruction so long as:
  - Based on the PDE Instructional Model Determination Chart
    - County hits moderate level of transmission where less than 100 incidence rate and less than 10% positivity rate.
      - Current County Rates: (11/13-11/19)
        - Incidence = 229.8
        - Positivity = 8.5%

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

# Current Status (continued)

- Board of School Directors approved Winter Athletics and Activities Health and Safety Plan.
  - At the conclusion of the MontCo DOH order, athletics and activities would resume.
  - Given
    - Recent Governor's orders
    - Need for more information regarding the impact on student athletes/teams/conference
    - Need to take a cautious and appropriate action
  - I will suspend return of athletics until December 8, 2020 and place the matter for discussion on the agenda for our Board meeting scheduled for December 7, 2020.

# Attestation (part of Governor's new order)

- Attestation and return the signed attestation to the Department of Education by 5:00 p.m., November 30, 2020, or having signed it, nevertheless cannot or does not comply with the above referenced Order and Recommendations, shall utilize a full remote instructional model and shall suspend all extracurricular activities (defined as any activity sponsored or approved by a school entity's governing body, administration, or athletic director, including, but not limited to attendance at or participation in athletics, musical ensembles, school plays, student council, clubs, school dances, etc.), during any period that the county where the public school entity is located is in the substantial range of community transmission.

# Considerations for Hybrid Return

- Functional Challenges
  - Transportation and Staffing
    - May need to bring back certain levels/programs at different times
      - Example- Reach Moderate threshold by Dec 10, but have staffing issues at HS – Bring back K-8 week of Dec 14 and remain all online for HS until functionally possible to provide on premises.
      - Recognizing this will be challenging for families – We will need to allow students that have signed up for on premises to stay online until such time the family can transition
    - See Updated PA DOH Recommendations

## Recommendations for Small (<500 Students) Pre-K to 12 School Buildings Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19

<u>Level of Community Transmission in the County</u>	<u>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a rolling 14-day period:</u>	<u>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a rolling 14-day period:</u>	<u>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a rolling 14-day period:</u>
	1 student or 1 staff	2-4 students/staff in same school building who are not household contacts	5+ students/staff in same school building
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•School does not need to close</li> <li>•Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>•Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Close school(s) for 3-5 days*</li> <li>•Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>•Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Close school(s) for 14 days*</li> <li>•Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>•Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
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# Staffing Efforts

- Substitutes
  - Building based subs
  - Day-to-day subs
  - Guest teachers
- Proctors
  - Supervision in classroom while the instructors can stay virtual (at-home)
  - Supervision in large areas
- Coverages
  - Using Teachers, Instructional Assistants and Administrators to cover classrooms in emergency situations

# Social & Emotional Services & Supports

- School Counselors
- School Nurses
- Mental Health Specialists
- REACH Clinicians
- K-12 SAP Teams
- Behavioral Supports
- Carson Valley Childrens' Aid
- County Mental Health Services & Wraparound Resources
- Examples:
- Break Out Groups
- Daily AM/PM Meetings
- Lunch Bunches
- Zoom Social Activities & Clubs
- Admin/Counselor Meetings
- Child Study Teams
- Attendance Meetings
- Parent Outreach
- Character Counts



# Conclusion

- Superintendent and Board President will complete attestation form and submit by November 30, 2020
- Superintendent will communicate determination for return to hybrid instruction no later than December 3, 2020 based on approved Health and Safety plan
- Superintendent will suspend athletics and activities for December 8, 2020 and place on the December 7 Board agenda a discussion item
- District will update health and safety plan inclusive of changes provided under recent order.