



Return to School Metrics

It is important to note that a safe return to in-person instruction will look different across every school, district, and county depending on a variety of factors, one of which is the spread of COVID-19. School entity decisions on instructional models require a great deal of consideration of local factors including size of the school entity, classroom size, school resources, proportion of staff and students with special needs and underlying health conditions, and the ability to accommodate remote learning with equal access for all students.

The recommendations contained in the guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health rely on two standard public health metrics: **incidence rate** and the **percent positivity** of diagnostic testing.

The first chart below, using measurements from the White House Coronavirus Task Force, identifies thresholds representing low, moderate, or substantial community transmission of COVID-19, and corresponding instructional models recommended by the Departments of Health and Education.

Once per week, the Conrad Weiser Area School District will publish an update to the second table below. Beginning October 2, 2020, this table will show the level of community transmission in our local Conrad Weiser Area School District zip codes and the community transmission throughout Berks County over the most recent 7-days as reported in data from the PA Department of Health.*

***Please note that the Conrad Weiser Area School District will work with the PA Department of Health to evaluate the source of any community outbreak and its impact on the school district. Any changes to the academic instructional models, which are currently fully in-person (K-4) and hybrid in-person (5-12), will be explicitly and directly communicated to families by the administration.**

Level of Community Transmission	Incidence Rate per 100,000 Residents	AND/OR	PCR Percent Positivity	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%	Blended Learning Model for Elementary Only OR Full Remote Learning Model

Conrad Weiser Area School District vs. Berks County Level of Community Transmission

DATE	Conrad Weiser Area School District		Berks County	
	Incidence Rate per 100,000 Residents	PCR Percent Positivity	Incidence Rate per 100,000 Residents	PCR Percent Positivity
2/19/2021	83.3	11.27%	110.6	7.6%
2/12/2021	102.3	21.08%	134.6	9.4%
2/5/2021	126.0	28.60%	131.5	9.7%
1/29/2021	153.8	24.29%	216.3	11.4%
1/22/2021	311.85	35.59%	278.5	13.2%
1/15/2021	362.69	43.11%	363.3	15.7%
1/8/2021	565.5	59.52%	359.0	16.2%