



SMART reStart

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Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan for 2020-2021

Decision-Making Process

1. Consider county-level data to determine MDE's Recommended Base Learning Model
2. Consult with health officials to examine local data and consider impact on schools
3. Evaluate our district's ability to implement required and recommended protocols (ie. staffing, transportation, supplies, protocols, physical distancing)
4. Determine the learning model to begin the school year
5. Monitor community and school-level impact of COVID on a regular basis and adjust if needed

Source: [Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan](#)

Looking At the Data:

*Number of cases per 10,000
over 14 days, by county of residence
(8/13/20):*

Washington County: 16.66

Neighboring Counties:

- **Anoka: 17.67**
- **Chisago County: 8.95**
- **Dakota County: 21.4**
- **Ramsey County: 22.25**



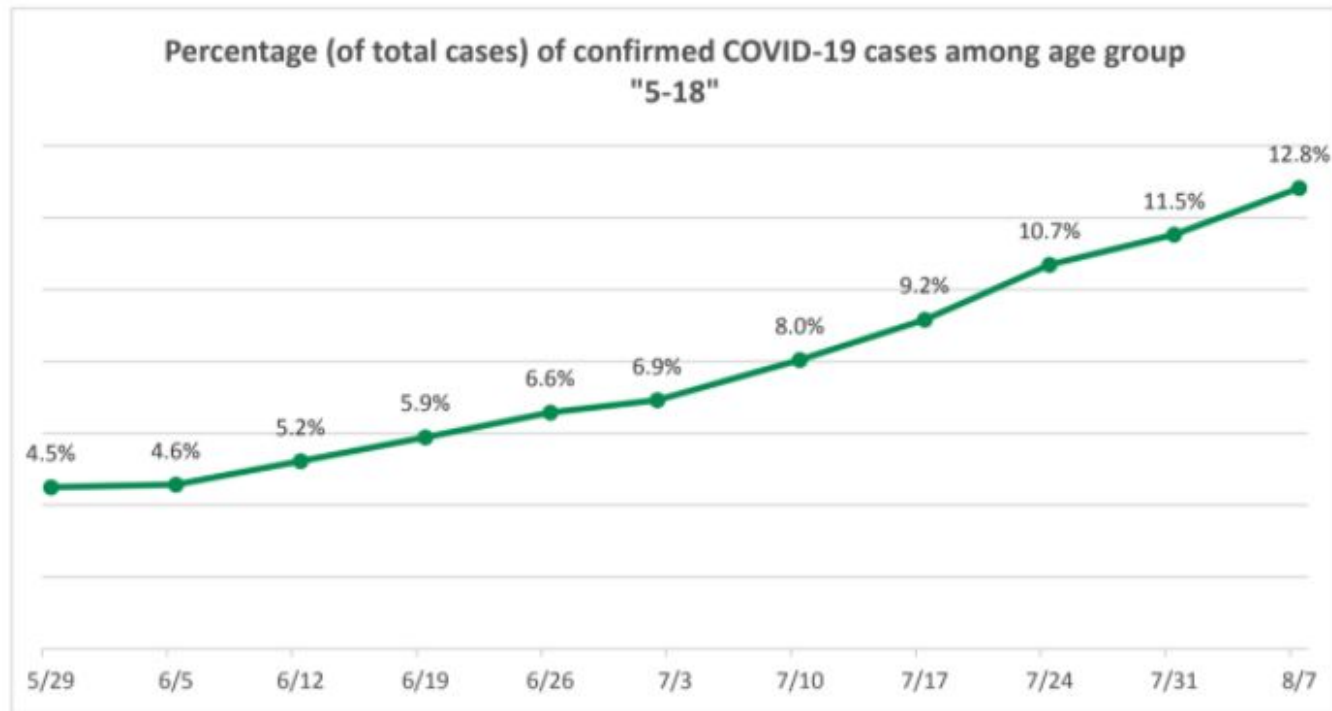
Number of cases per 10,000 over 14 days, by county of residence	MDE Recommended Base Learning Model
0-9	In-person learning for all students
10-19	In-person learning for elementary students; Hybrid learning for secondary
20-29	Hybrid learning for all students
30-49	Hybrid learning for elementary students; Distance learning for secondary students
50+	Distance learning for all students

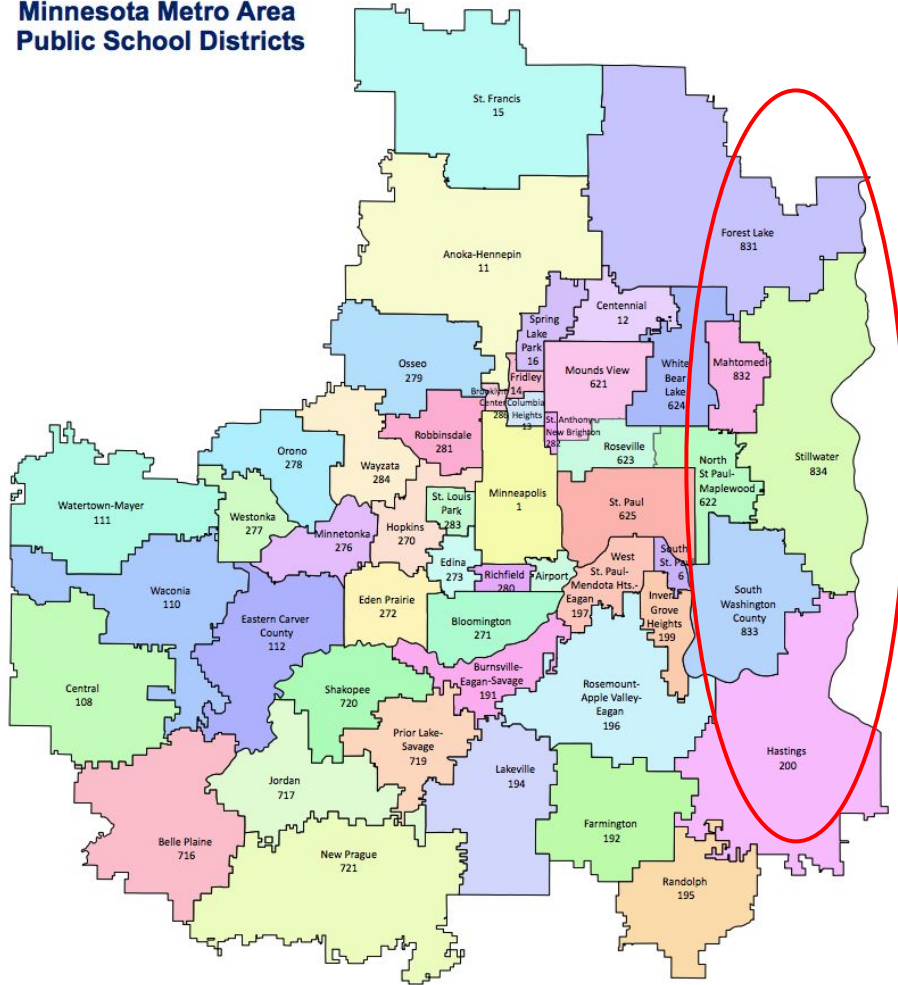
Count of confirmed COVID-19 cases among age group (5-18 years old)

DAY	COUNT
8/10	292
8/7	261
7/31	210
7/24	171
7/17	129
7/10	99
7/2	73
6/26	63
6/19	50
6/12	40
6/5	32
5/29	27

Washington County:

Confirmed Cases of COVID among children





What About Our Neighbors?

Forest Lake: In-Person K-5; Hybrid 6-12

Hastings: Hybrid K -12

Mahtomedi: Hybrid K-12

North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale:
Distance Learning K-12

South Washington County: Hybrid K-12

White Bear Lake: Hybrid K-12

Intent to Return Surveys

Families:

- 75% of students opted for Learning “On the Dial”
- 25% of students opted for the 100% Online Learning model

Staff:

- Received requests for accommodations from 73 staff unable to return to in-person/hybrid learning
- Currently working to accommodate 66 staff

On The Dial Staffing Needs

General Fund Expenses

Position(s)	Estimated FTE	Estimated Cost
Classroom teachers	11	\$1,177,000
Custodians (restoration of cut positions)	4	\$254,000
Custodians (increased cleaning/sanitizing)	37	\$1,628,000
Online Learning Principal	1	\$172,000
COVID Nursing Triage	1	\$68,000
Online Family Tech Support	1	\$59,000

Other Considerations:

- Shift teacher assignments between grade levels, buildings and online
- Some high school courses only offered online and not in-person at the high school; some only offered in-person but not online
- Combine some students from different schools for 100% Online Learning
- Some teachers may need to teach both online and in-person/hybrid

On The Dial Staffing Needs - *Other Funds*

Position(s)	Estimated Staff	Estimated Cost
Childcare	45	\$515,000
Food Service	20	\$93,000



SAFETY MEASURES



Cleaning/Healthy Environments

- Staff will disinfect high touch areas in entrances, hallways, lounges, front offices, drinking fountains, copyrooms, and restrooms throughout the day. Hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and/or spray disinfectant will be supplied.
- Enhanced disinfecting will take place each evening following MDH guidance.
- Building ventilation systems will be running at optimum capacity before school occupancy and throughout the day.
- Increased signage for physical distancing, mask use, hand washing, etc. will be posted throughout each building.
- Front office and health office desks will be provided a plexiglass clear barrier.
- Classrooms with sinks will be supplied with sufficient inventory of soap and paper towels for handwashing. All classrooms will have hand sanitizer.
- A sick room is available for students who are not feeling well to minimize contact with others until they are able to go home.



Physical Distance

- Staff will help maintain 6 feet of physical distance whenever possible.
- School schedules and/or courses will be modified if social distancing is not feasible or if there is an increased risk of spread. Alternative accommodations and scheduling options will be considered.
- Physical changes will be made in classrooms to create more personal space, such as moving desks and furniture.
- The number of students will be reduced in each classroom.
- There will be no field trips or large group gatherings (ie. assemblies).
- Visitors will be limited. Volunteers will not be scheduled until further notice.
- Staggered lunches, recesses, and other transition times.
- Separate entry and exit points, whenever possible.
- Hybrid schedules will help to limit contact between students.

Masks



- Per Executive Order 20-81, all students, staff, and other people present in school buildings, district offices or riding on school transportation vehicles are required to wear a face covering.
- Face coverings may be temporarily removed to eat or drink, but care should be taken to maintain as much space as possible between people, recognizing it is not always feasible to maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
- Students and staff will be provided with one face covering from the district and each building office will maintain an extra supply of disposable masks for anyone who forget to bring one.
- Medical exemptions will be honored with a doctor's order.



Hygiene

- Handwashing stations with soap and/or hand sanitizer are located in each classroom.
- Hand sanitizer stations are located in key areas throughout the building.
- Regular hygiene breaks for students to wash their hands will be scheduled throughout the day.
- Supply sharing will be minimized.
- Students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home and use the bottle filling feature at drinking fountains.



Self-Screening

- Families, students and staff are expected to self screen at home before coming to school. Anyone displaying and of the following symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home:
 - New onset of cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Fever of 100.0 degrees or higher
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of sense of smell or taste
 - Gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea

Food Service



- Meals will be individually plated or boxed and students will eat meals in small group settings.
- Food service staff will enter student PINs to limit contact.
- Signage and floor markings will be posted in cafeterias to promote physical distancing.
- All students and staff will wear masks when in line or on the way to and from the cafeteria. Masks can be removed for eating and drinking.



School Buses

- Bus capacity will be at 50%, as defined by MDE/MDH.
- Students, drivers and bus aides are required to wear face coverings/masks.
- Students will be one to a seat and those from the same household may sit together.
- Seats will be assigned.
- Bus pick-up areas at each school will be marked for physical distancing.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will take place following each route with special attention to high touch areas.
- Bus and parent drop-off and pick-up zones and loading/unloading times may need to be modified. Specific instruction will come from your child's school.

Next Steps

- Determine if we will maintain existing program model expectations
- Prioritize staffing to:
 - Honor our teacher and staff accommodation requests
 - Support our students' and families' online learning needs
 - Ensure we meet all cleaning and sanitizing requirements