



Second Semester Update

WCPSS Board of Education

March 9, 2021



Desired Outcomes

- Review the current factors and considerations used by staff in making its recommendation to increase in-person instruction.
- Seek approval from Board of Education members for the staff recommendation.

Considerations for In-person Instruction During COVID-19

1.

State Restrictions

Governor's Executive Orders
NC DHHS Guidance

2.

State/County Data

Positivity rates
Community spread

3.

District Indicators

Staffing & attendance
Spread within schools

The following considerations have been used for all decisions about returning to in-person instruction since the fall of 2020. There is no single metric that can be calculated from these three areas that automatically triggers a return for students.

All three are used and given the weight needed based on the circumstances.

Considerations for In-person Instruction During COVID-19

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February 26

Governor's Executive Order 195 takes effect easing COVID-19 health guidelines citing an increase in vaccinations.

2.



State/County Data

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March 3

NC DHHS revises its guidance to encourage more in-person instruction. This includes Plan A for grades PreK-5, Plan B for grades 6-12 and a remote option for all K-12 students.

3.



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March 4

The State Board of Education endorses the NC DHSS recommendations.

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Average two-week percentage of positive cases

- Wake County: 4.5 percent
 - *Daily cases are similar to levels of mid November*

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- North Carolina: 4.6 percent
 - *Daily cases are similar to levels of mid October*

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- About 5,800 employees have received their first dose of vaccine at events organized specifically for WCPSS employees

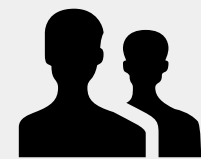
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- As of March 9, about 83% of approximately 10,300 staff members who completed a vaccination survey said they have received the vaccine or have an appointment scheduled. Outreach continues to all employees

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- Secondary transmissions remain extremely low



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Governor, NC DHHS and State Board of Education recommend an increase of in-person instruction using appropriate safety protocols.

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State and local rates are trending down after post-holiday increase.

3.

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Vaccination rates are exceeding expectations. Secondary transmission rates on campus remain very low.

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Recommendations

- All students in grades 4 and 5 who are not enrolled in the Virtual Academy should attend in-person instruction daily beginning March 15. They will join PreK-3 students and Special Education Regional Program students (K-12).
- Students in grades 6-12 should remain in current cohort rotations. Recommendations for grades 6-12 will be presented March 16.

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