

# RETURN TO LEARN

## Reopening Iowa's Schools Safely and Responsibly

### COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION: NONE TO MINIMAL

0-5% positivity in county on average over the past 14 days

\* Healthcare resources remain stable

#### SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

- Stay home if you are sick or exposed to someone confirmed to have COVID-19
- Practice frequent hand-washing
- Stay 6 feet from others as much as possible
- Use face coverings when able to do so safely and correctly
- Maintain frequent cleaning schedule using EPA-approved cleaning products
- Monitor absenteeism among teachers, staff, and students

#### RETURN-TO-LEARN MODEL(S)

On-Site Learning following DOE, IDPH and CDC guidance.

Hybrid Learning as necessary based on:

- Parent or guardian preference
- Student quarantine

### COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION: MINIMAL TO MODERATE

6-14% positivity in a county on average over the past 14 days

\* Healthcare resources remain stable

#### SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

- Continue above strategies
- Reduce group events/gatherings
- Limit inter-school interactions
- Ensure student and staff groupings/cohorts are as static as possible and that interactions among groups of students and staff are limited

#### RETURN-TO-LEARN MODEL(S)

On-Site Learning following DOE, IDPH and CDC guidance.

Hybrid Learning as necessary based on:

- Parent or guardian preference
- Student quarantine

### COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION: SUBSTANTIAL CONTROLLED

15-20% positivity in a county on average over the past 14 days AND 10% absenteeism among students expected for in-person learning

\*Healthcare resources remain stable

#### SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

- Continue above strategies
- Consider regular health checks for any on-site students/staff if feasible
- Cancel school events/gatherings
- Close communal spaces (e.g., cafeterias, media centers)

#### RETURN-TO-LEARN MODEL(S)

Hybrid Learning as necessary based on:

- Parent or guardian preference
- Student quarantine

Temporary Continuous/Remote Learning for an entire school building or district for up to 14 days may be requested:

- Please contact the Department of Education by submitting your information via the CASA system.
- Only the Departments of Education and Public Health can make the determination and provide temporary authorization to move to 100% online or remote learning.

### COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION: SUBSTANTIAL UNCONTROLLED

>20% positivity in a county on average over the past 14 days with healthcare resource capacity concerns

#### SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

State and local education and public health officials should work closely together to make decisions on school operations.

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