LPCSC

2020/2021 School Year

COVID-19 Intervention Plan Update

“Getting Back on Track”

September 2, 2020
On September 2, 2020 The Indiana State Department of Health updated their previous system for assessing the spread of Covid-19 at the county level. Considering the metric changes in this new system, LPCSC will no longer compute a threat level every two weeks as our previous plan stated but rather we will adopt the assessment computed by the Indiana State Department of Health and make adjustments to programming as suggested in the recommendations.
On Wednesday of each week, the Indiana State Department of Health will be computing the County COVID-19 spread levels for each Indiana County. The new system assesses each County for COVID-19 spread using a new set of metrics and corresponding color codes.

The following slides explain the metrics that will be used by Dr. Box and her team at the ISDH to assess COVID-19 spread, the color coding system, and suggestions for schools regarding programming during each phase.
## The metrics:

Each metric will be assigned a score of 0 to 3
The average of the two scores will be the county’s total score for the week

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<th>New cases per 100,000 residents</th>
<th>Percent positivity</th>
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<td>Less than 10 new cases = 0</td>
<td>Less than 5% = 0</td>
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<td>10 - 99 new cases = 1</td>
<td>5% - 9.9% = 1</td>
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<td>100 - 199 new cases = 2</td>
<td>10% - 14.9% = 2</td>
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<td>200 or more new cases = 3</td>
<td>15% or greater = 3</td>
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Sample Map - not current threat status for counties

Color-coded counties:
Information for schools, local officials

The metrics:
- Blue: 0 — 0.9
- Yellow: 1 — 1.9
- Orange: 2 — 2.5
- Red: Greater than 2.5

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The recommendations:

Each color category comes with recommendations for local and school officials to consider based on what the metrics show regarding community spread

Blue: Minimal community spread

- Schools operate all grades in person but limit activities where social distancing is not feasible
- Extra-curricular activities to follow local and state guidelines, including distancing and masks, and limit spectators
- Outreach to encourage public to continue with precautions

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The recommendations:

**Yellow: Moderate community spread**

- Schools continue all grades in person but increase vigilance in distancing, hand hygiene and masks
- No assemblies or activities if social distancing is not feasible
- Postpone or cancel extra-curricular activities as warranted, consider allowing only parents or close family to attend athletic and other events
- Work with local health department to determine if increased precautions and public outreach should begin to halt the spread

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Color-coded counties:
Information for schools, local officials

The recommendations:

**Orange: Moderate to high community spread**

- Grade schools continue in-person; strong recommendation for hybrid learning for middle and high school students
- No assemblies or large group activities
- Strong recommendation to limit extra-curricular activities and have competitors and participants only, with no in-person attendees
- Discussions with parents about limiting social events outside of school
- County education leaders work with local health department to consider implementing aggressive prevention efforts in schools and communities

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The recommendations:

**Red: High community spread**

- Grade schools remain in person or consider hybrid learning; middle and high schools consider virtual learning
- No assemblies or large group activities
- Extracurricular activities cancelled
- Discourage social events
- County education leaders work with local health department to consider implementing aggressive prevention efforts in schools and communities

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Given the recommendations by the Health Department for the new color codes, LPCSC will provide our in person programming option as well as the Distance Learning options when La Porte County is in the Blue and Yellow phases of positivity.
Should La Porte County be assessed as Orange, we will be providing the same programming for Distance learning students. In person students will attend on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday’s in person during an orange status. On Tuesdays and Thursdays in person students will participate in distance learning activities from home. We will also minimize crowds at extra curricular events and reconsider canceling or postponing extra curricular events.
If La Porte County is assessed as Red, all students will participate in distance learning activities for each week that we remain in the Red.
Should we need to make changes in our programming as a result of our county spread level, those changes would be posted on the LPCSC website on Thursdays after the Indiana State Department of Health releases county COVID-19 spread levels. The programming changes will take effect the first day of the following week.
The following diagram summarizes the new ISDH COVID-19 spread rating system for Indiana Counties and outlines the associated programming parameters that LPCSC will work within.
**COVID-19 Spread Levels**
Based on Indiana’s Back on Track Plan

Per the Indiana State Department of Health, the COVID threat levels for each county will be based on the average of two metrics:
1) Number of new cases in the past week per 100,000 residents
2) Percent positivity

Each Wednesday, counties will be assigned a score of 0-3, which will place the county into one of four colors. If necessary, LPCSC will implement any programming changes needed the following week.

### Blue
Minimal community spread

**Metrics**
0-9 over a 7 day period

**ISDH Recommendations**
- Schools operate all grades in person but limit activities where social distancing is not feasible
- Extra-curricular activities to follow local and state guidelines, including distancing and masks, and limit spectators

**LPCSC Program Schedule**
In person and distance maintain normal schedule

### Yellow
Moderate community spread

**Metrics**
1-1.9 over a 7 day period

**ISDH Recommendations**
- Schools continue all grades in person but increase vigilance in distancing, hygiene, and masks
- No activities if social distancing is not feasible
- Postpone or cancel extra-curricular activities as warranted

**LPCSC Program Schedule**
In person and distance maintain normal schedule

### Orange
Moderate to high community spread

**Metrics**
2-2.5 over a 7 day period

**ISDH Recommendations**
- Grade schools continue in person; strong recommendation for hybrid for middle and high school
- No large group activities
- Strong recommendation to limit extra-curricular activities

**LPCSC Program Schedule**
In Person: M, W, F
Remote: Tues & Thurs
Distance maintain normal schedule

### Red
High community spread

**Metrics**
Greater than 2.5

**ISDH Recommendations**
- Grade school remain in person or consider hybrid; middle and high school consider virtual
- No large group activities
- Extracurricular activities canceled
- Discourage social events

**LPCSC Program Schedule**
100% distance learning for all students

Updated 9-2-2020
Case Reporting

Effective 9-2-20, each Public School in the State of Indiana is required to report the number of COVID-19 positive cases per week to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). These numbers will be made public on the ISDH website. LPCSC will post the number of cases for the school year on the corporation website.