

With new color-coded metric from DPH / COVID-19 Command, DESE is issuing additional guidance for selecting a learning model

New color-coded metric*	DESE expectation for learning model
RED Average daily cases per 100,000 is greater than 8	Remote
YELLOW Average daily cases per 100,000 is between 4 - 8	Hybrid OR Remote (if extenuating circumstances)
GREEN Average daily cases per 100,000 is less than 4	Full-time in-person
UNSHADED Fewer than 5 total cases over the past 14 days. Generally, this is for communities with small populations and very few cases.	OR Hybrid (if extenuating circumstances)

**Measured as a 14-day rolling average and will be reported weekly as part of the online DPH dashboard*

Additional considerations

Other metrics to review: While average daily cases per 100,000 is the metric that determines the color coding for each community, districts / schools should also monitor whether cases are **increasing or decreasing** vs. the prior period. Monitoring **positive testing** also remains an important metric. In consultation with their local boards of health, districts should consider whether these additional metrics and underlying data may indicate other concerning trends. DESE will provide additional guidance on example scenarios regarding other metrics for districts to review.

Multiple weeks of data is necessary to understand trends: Districts should **look at multiple reports** to inform any changes to their learning model for the start of the school year or to make any changes during the year.

Regional schools and others that draw from multiple cities/towns: We will issue additional guidance that points you to the appropriate data to view for your context.