

Considerations for Instructional Model

School Board Special Action Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

- Timeline and Background
- Governor and County Orders
- Public Health Data
- Action Items for Special Meeting:
 - Consideration of Instructional Model
 - Attestation
 - PIAA Athletics for Winter Season





Timeline

- November 5 Hybrid in-person Instruction begins in HHSD
- November 9 PDE meets with Montco schools about *Substantial* range
- November 13 Montco Board of Health orders schools fully virtual 11/23 – 12/6
- November 17 HHSD transitions to fully virtual for 11/19 and 11/20
- November 23 Governor issues an order for all PA schools in the *Substantial* range
- November 30 Attestation form due to PDE
- December 2 Special Action Meeting
- December 7 First day of instruction after Montco order ends



Orders

Montgomery County Board of Health (issued 11/13)

- **Who is affected?** All Montgomery County schools, public and private
- **What is the order?** Transition to Remote instruction only
- **When is this in effect?** 11/23 - 12/6

Governor (issued 11/23)

- **Who is affected?** all PA public schools residing in counties with substantial transmission
- **What is the order?** Must submit attestation and adhere to guidelines for opening schools
- **When is this in effect?** Indefinitely while in the substantial range



Pennsylvania Department of Education Guidance on Determining Instructional Models

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		Low	Moderate	Substantial
Pennsylvania Counties by Level of Community Transmission	7/31/20	25 Counties	42 Counties	0 Counties
	9/18/20	19 Counties	46 Counties	2 Counties
	11/27/20	1 County	0 Counties	66 Counties



Governor's Order: Attestation

From the Pennsylvania Department of Health and
the Pennsylvania Department of Education:

Pennsylvania recommends that school entities in counties with Substantial disease transmission transition to remote-only instructional models.



Governor's Order: Attestation

Option #1 - All or some of the students within the public-school entity are currently receiving in-person instruction and:

- We have read the Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings, effective November 18, 2020, including necessary exceptions and associated guidance, and affirm the public-school entity is complying and will continue to comply with and enforce the Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings, including necessary exceptions and associated guidance; and
- We have read and agree to follow the Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19, when cases of COVID-19 occur within the public-school entity.

OR

Option #2 - The public-school entity has transitioned to a fully remote learning model and will continue to use a fully remote learning model until the county (or counties) in which the public-school entity is located is no longer experiencing Substantial disease transmission for two consecutive weeks.



Governor's Order: Attestation

If Option #1 is selected, HHSD agrees to follow the guidelines for building-based closures, which are based on the number of positive cases per building for any 14-day rolling period. The scale of determining closure varies by school size and enrollment.

1 student or staff case within a rolling 14-day period	2-4 student or staff cases within a rolling 14-day period	5+ student or staff cases within a rolling 14-day period	Small Schools (<500 students) Blair Mill, Crooked Billet, Hallowell
Decrease students on site	Close 3-7 days	Close 14 days	
1-3 students or staff cases within a rolling 14-day period	4-6 student or staff cases within a rolling 14-day period	7+ student or staff cases within a rolling 14-day period	Medium Schools (500 - 900 students) Simmons
Decrease students on site	Close 3-7 days	Close 14 days	
1-5 students or staff cases within a rolling 14-day period	6-10 student or staff cases within a rolling 14-day period	11+ student or staff cases within a rolling 14-day period	Large Schools (>900 students) KVMS, HHHS
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Governor's Order: Attestation

If these guidelines were in effect, what would the impact be for 11/23?

School	Impact	Notes
Blair Mill ES	No	
Crooked Billet ES	Yes	A three-to-seven-day pivot to all-virtual instruction would have been necessary.
Hallowell ES	Yes	A three-to-seven-day pivot to all-virtual instruction would have been necessary.
Simmons ES	No	
Keith Valley MS	No	
HHHS	No	



Governor's Order: Attestation

Numbers and data will be updated and reported on a dashboard daily.
School closures would be determined on a day-by-day and school-by-school basis.

What would prompt a school closure?

If there is a confirmed case of in-school linked transmission

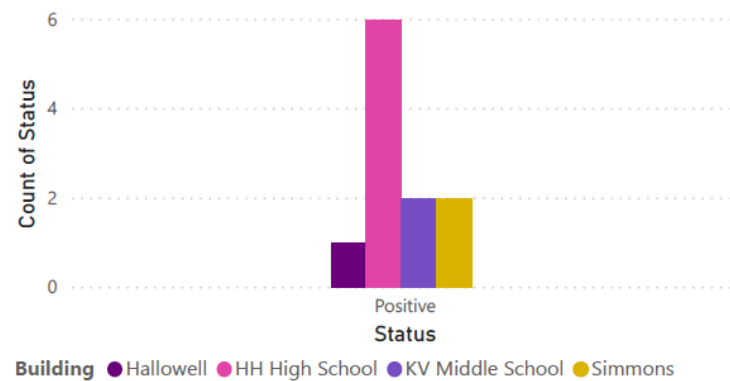
If school-based data reaches established thresholds

If insufficient staffing to operate results in a functional closure.

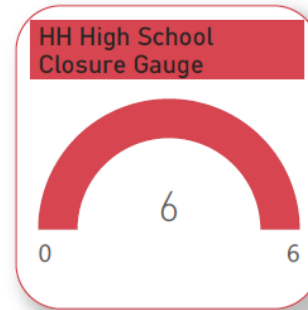
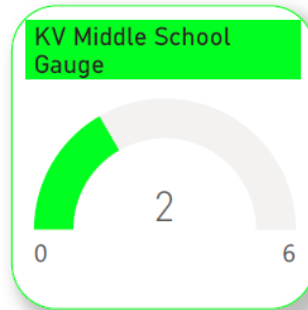
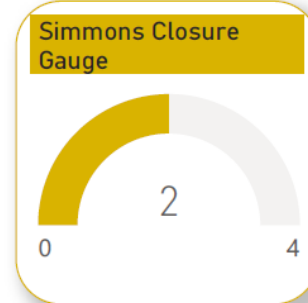
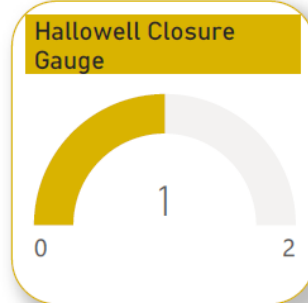
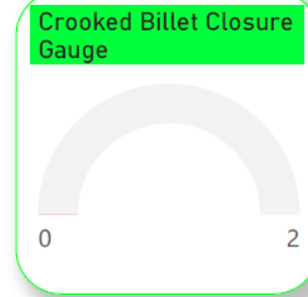
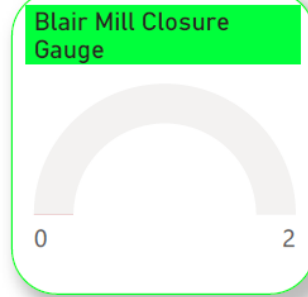
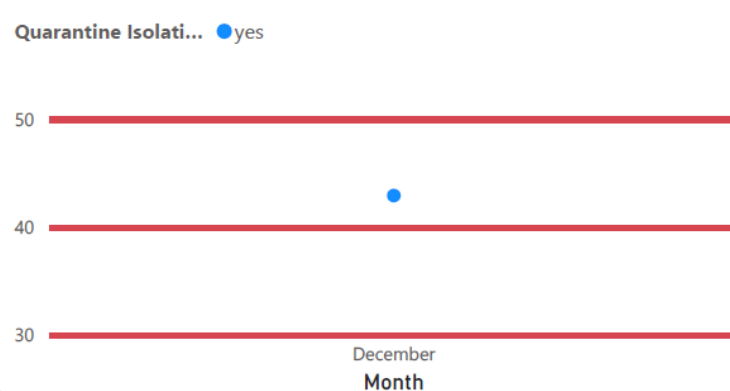


District Dashboard

Positive Cases by Building



District Quarantine/Isolation Count



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"Blank" = Zero Cases

Closure scale is

Open Warning Close



Governor's Order: Attestation

Recommendation

Submit the attestation form for Option #1



Public Health Data

Montgomery County and Hatboro-Horsham School District Data and Metrics



Metrics and Targets to Inform Decisions for Returning Students in-Person (Last Updated: 12/1/20)

Status: Met or Not Met the target										
Metric for Consideration	September 18 - September 24	September 25 - October 1	October 2 - October 8	October 9 - October 15	October 16 - October 22	October 23 - October 29	October 29 - November 5	November 6- November 12	November 13- November 19	November 20- November 26
Montgomery County Positivity Rate ♦ Target: Below 5% (Most recent 7 days)	2.3% Met	2.5% Met	2.5% Met	2.3% Met	2.9% Met	4.6% Met	5.2% Not Met	7.2% Not Met	8.5% Not Met	8.0% Not Met
Montgomery County Positivity Rate Target: Declining Week-to-Week	Met	Not Met	Met	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	Met
Montgomery County Incidence Rate * ♦ Target for full reopening: <10 Warning of closure: > 90	27.9 Not Met; Decreasing	36.2 Not Met; Increasing	37.9 Not Met Increasing	40.1 Not Met Increasing	45.3 Not Met Increasing	81.8 Not Met Increasing	106.9 Not Met Increasing	181.4 Not Met Increasing	229.8 Not Met Increasing	240.8 Not Met Increasing
Township of Horsham and Borough of Hatboro Incidence Rate * △ Target: at or below county level and declining week-to-week Warning of closure: > 90	Hatboro Horsham School District 23.58	Hatboro Horsham School District 23.58	Hatboro Horsham School District 38.32	Hatboro Horsham School District 47.17	Hatboro Horsham School District 44.22	Hatboro Horsham School District 73.7	Hatboro Horsham School District 106.12	Hatboro Horsham School District: 176.87	Hatboro Horsham School District: 232.88	Hatboro Horsham School District: 247.6
Township & Borough Positivity Rate △ Target: at or below county level and steady or declining week-to-week (Most recent 14 days) Warning of closure: > 8%	Hatboro Horsham School District 2.63%	Hatboro Horsham School District 2.66%	Hatboro Horsham School District 2.7%	Hatboro Horsham School District 2.03%	Hatboro Horsham School District 3.59 %	Hatboro Horsham School District 5.76 %	Hatboro Horsham School District 5.94 %	Hatboro Horsham School District: 8.1%	Hatboro Horsham School District: 9.9%	Hatboro Horsham School District: 10.24%

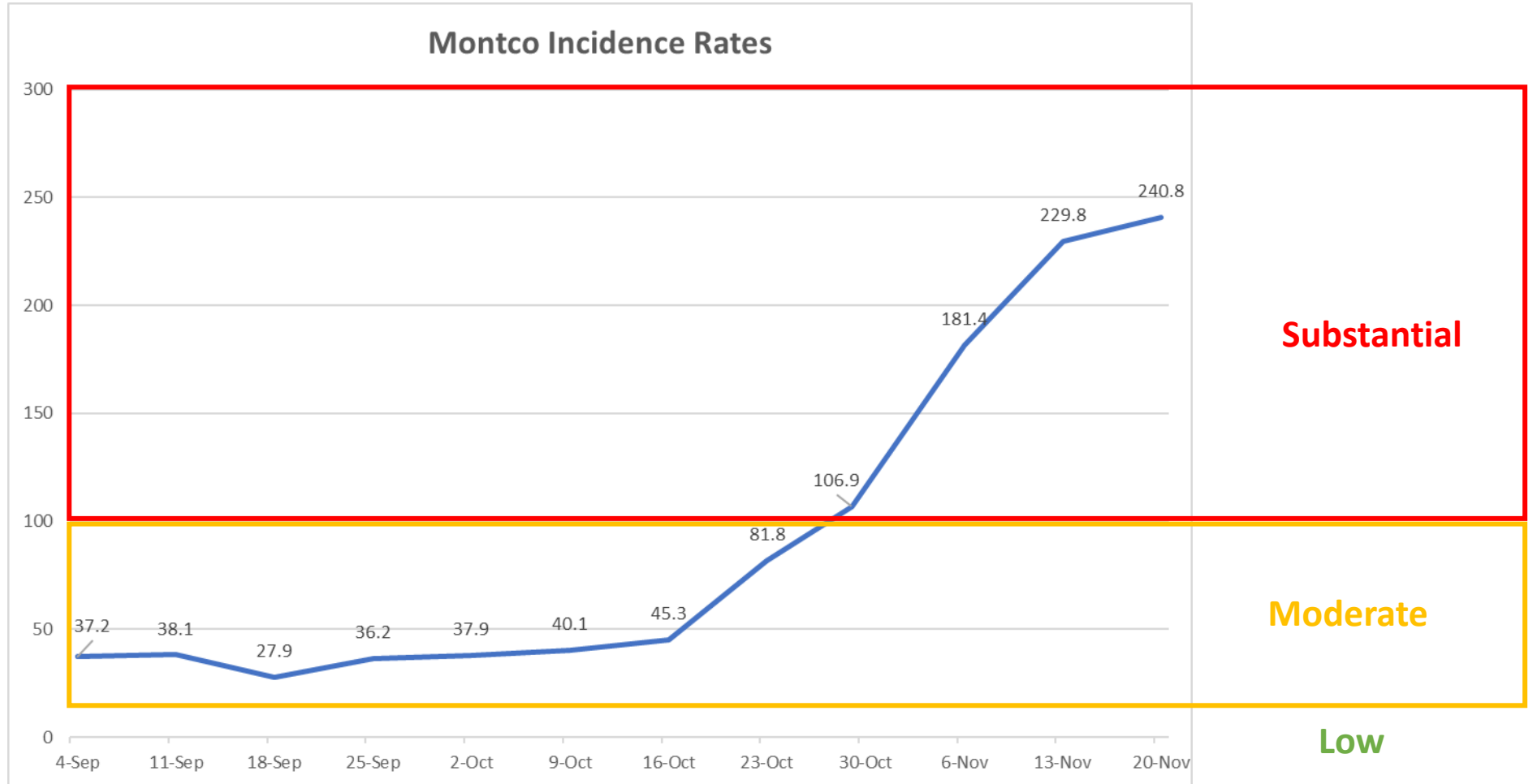
* Incidence Rate Calculation: # of new cases for the last 7 days/population X 100,000

♦ Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard

△ Source: Montgomery County Office of Public Health weekly report (available 9/18/20, then weekly thereafter)

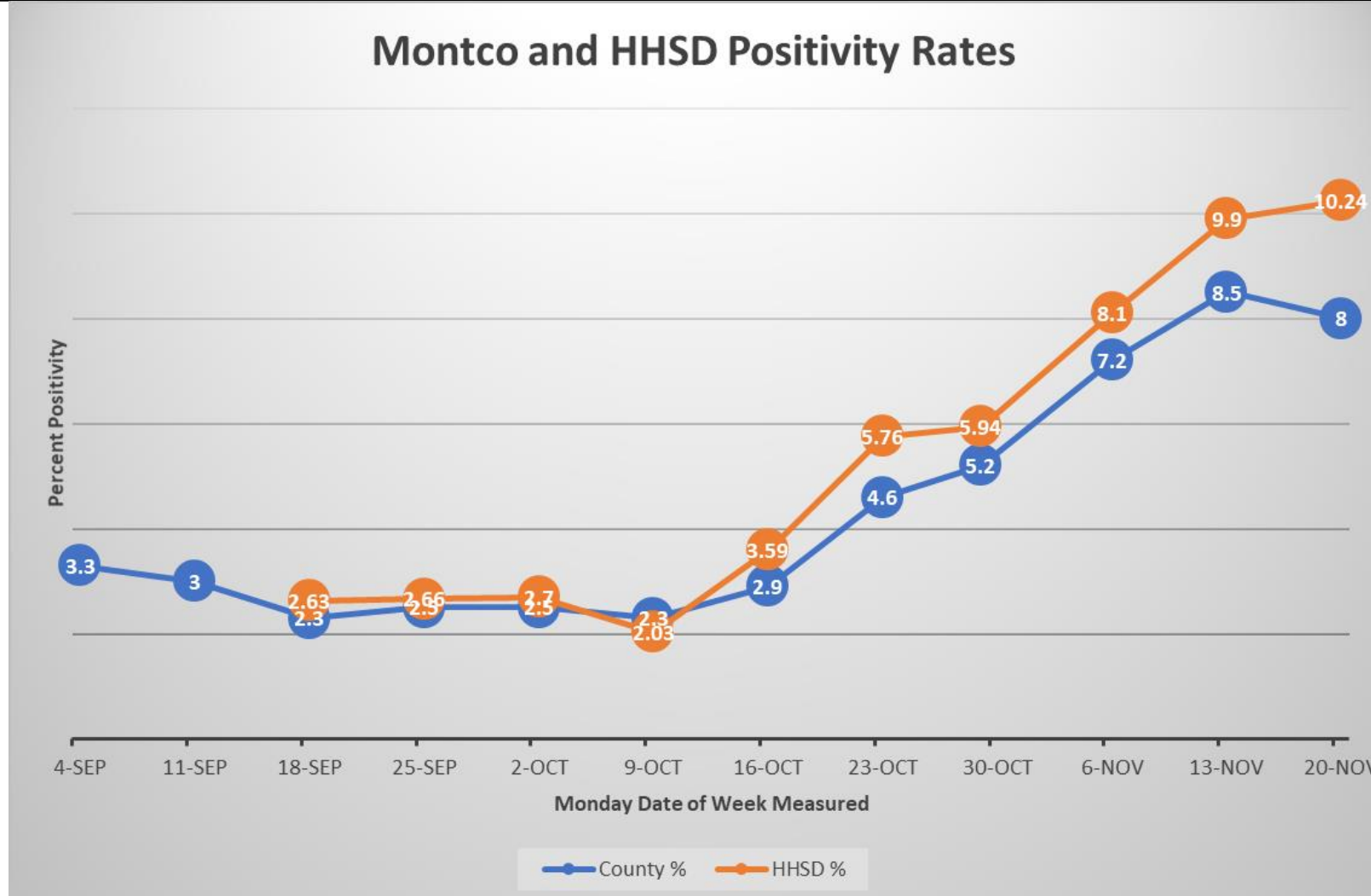


Montgomery County Incidence Rates





Montgomery County and HHSD Positivity Rates





CDC Core Indicators and Thresholds for Risk of Introduction & Transmission of COVID-19 in Schools

INDICATORS	Lowest risk of transmission in schools	Lower risk of transmission in schools	Moderate risk of transmission in schools	Higher risk of transmission in schools	Highest risk of transmission in schools
CORE INDICATORS					
Number of new cases per 100,000 persons within the last 14 days*	<5	5 to <20	20 to <50	50 to ≤ 200	>200
Percentage of RT-PCR tests that are positive during the last 14 days**	<3%	3% to <5%	5% to <8%	8% to ≤ 10%	>10%
<p>Ability of the school to implement 5 key mitigation strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent and correct use of masks • Social distancing to the largest extent possible • Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette • Cleaning and disinfection • Contact tracing in collaboration with local health department <p>Schools should adopt the additional mitigation measures outlined below to the extent possible, practical and feasible.</p>	Implemented all 5 strategies correctly and consistently	Implemented all 5 strategies correctly but inconsistently	Implemented 3-4 strategies correctly and consistently	Implemented 1-2 strategies correctly and consistently	Implemented no strategies



Learning about COVID-19 in schools

- Evidence is showing that school safety measures and Health & Safety Plans have been effective.
- Evidence suggests that confirmed cases of linked transmission in school occur at a much lower rate than in other areas, however there are increased incidences of in-school transmission. Cooperation with contact tracing and the school's ability to efficiently work with contract tracers is a key element to eliminating spread and keeping schools open.
- When looking at data and metrics, context matters. County and municipality positivity rates and incidence rates can get to a point of necessary broader shutdowns. 10% positivity in HHSD is a serious metric as evidence of the presence of the virus in our community.
- Projections indicate a late December and early January surge in cases.
- In addition to promising vaccine news, Montgomery County is well-positioned to welcome some degree of onsite rapid testing in schools.



Action Items for Consideration

- **Attestation**
- **Consideration of Instructional Model**
- **PIAA Athletics for Winter Season**



Athletics

High School

- Suburban One League delayed the start of Winter sports
- Game league schedule starts on January 11
- PIAA requires 15 days of practice time prior to entering competition
- Wrestling

Middle School

- Remain consistent with Fall approach