



DISTRICT196
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Transitioning Back to HYBRID LEARNING -SECONDARY-

February 2, 2021
Special School Board Meeting

COVID-19 Response

A Year of Change



- Timeline of Learning Model Changes To Date
 - July 27 - **Minnesota Safe Learning Plan** released: distance, hybrid, in-person
 - September 14 - Started in hybrid (two-thirds) and 196 Digital Academy (one-third)
 - November 12 - Secondary students shift to distance learning
 - November 23 - Elementary students shift to distance learning
 - December 17 - **Safe Learning Plan** updated to return elementary to in-person
 - January 21 - Elementary (preK-2) shift to in-person
 - February 4 - Elementary (grades 3-5) shift to in-person
- All learning model changes approved by the School Board



Elementary Shift to In-Person Learning



- Three grades at a time per building, with two weeks in between
 - Grades preK-2: In person **Jan. 21**
 - Grades 3-5: In person **Feb. 4**
- 196 Digital Academy remains an option for all students for second half of year
- Regular school hours Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- Wednesdays 2.5-hour late start
 - Executive order requires 30 additional minutes of prep time per day
 - Teacher collaboration and planning for aligned instruction
 - Maintain alignment between 196 Digital Academy and in-person learning

State Guidance on Secondary Students



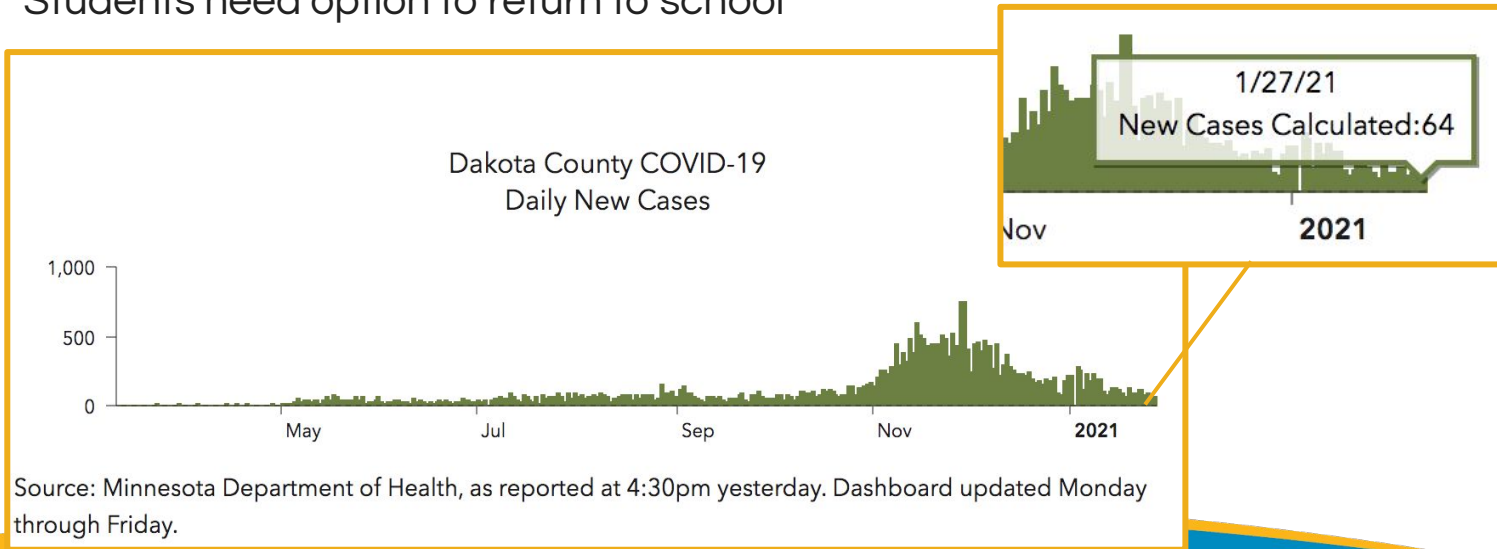
- Safe Learning Plan still requires districts to follow county 14-day case rate to determine learning model for grades 6-12
- A case rate of 10-29 per 10,000 residents allows secondary students to be in a hybrid model
- For secondary students to be in person full time, case rates must be 9 or fewer per 10,000 residents

14-Day Case Rate Per 10,000 Residents in Dakota County	Learning Model*
0-9	In-person for all students
10-19	In-person for elementary students; hybrid for secondary students
20-29	Hybrid for all students
30-49	Hybrid for elementary students; distance learning for secondary students
50+	Distance learning for all students

Proposed Shift to Hybrid Model for Secondary



- Data supports shift to hybrid learning (*Chart date Jan. 27, 2021*)
 - Downward trend in positive cases
- Other Dakota County school districts are also proposing return dates
- Students need option to return to school



District 196 COVID Data



- Current information updated Thursday, Jan. 28
- Downward or stabilizing trend in positive cases in both the county and district
- **Current** Dakota County case rate: **45.0**
- **Projected** February 4th: **33.2**, February 11th: **30.09**
- Case rate history:
 - 12/27-1/9: 53.23
 - 12/20-1/2: 45.17
 - 12/13-12/26: 48.9
 - 12/6-12/19: 72.84

Positive **Student** Cases in District 196

Current
as of January 28

16

Cumulative
as of September 14
(first day of school)

591

Positive **Staff** Cases in District 196

Current
as of January 28

3

Cumulative
as of September 14
(first day of school)

255

Positive **Dakota County** Case Rate Per 10,000

14-Day Case Rate

as of January 28 reported by MDH every Thursday
(Cases that have tested and returned a positive result)

45.0

Safe Learning Plan Requirements



Required for In-Person and Hybrid Learning

- ☐ Masking Policy
- ☐ PPE for direct support student services
- ☐ Build routines of hygiene education & practices
- ☐ Daily cleaning and frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the day
- ☐ Building level COVID-19 program coordinator, with optional student counterpart
- ☐ Limiting nonessential visitors/volunteers/external groups
- ☐ Discontinue large gatherings/activities that do not allow for social distancing
- ☐ Monitoring and excluding for illness

Required for Hybrid Learning

- ☐ Social distancing of 6 feet at all times in school buildings
- ☐ School facilities at 50% capacity
- ☐ Transportation at 50% capacity
- ☐ Sufficient staffing levels to meet the requirements of the model

Increased Safety and Mitigation Measures



**Health of Learning
Communities**



Facilities

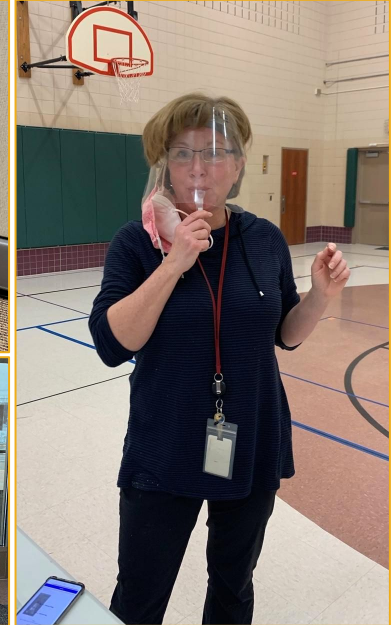


**Personal Protective
Equipment**

Safety and Mitigation Measures: Health of Learning Communities



- Strict cleaning, sanitizing and ventilation procedures in buildings and on school buses
- HEPA air purifiers in all classrooms
- Staff and families continue daily at-home self assessment of health
- Contact tracing, 14-day quarantine and isolation in collaboration with public health
- COVID-19 testing offered every other week to all staff in contact with students
- Support for state of Minnesota plan to vaccinate school employees



Safety and Mitigation Measures: Facilities



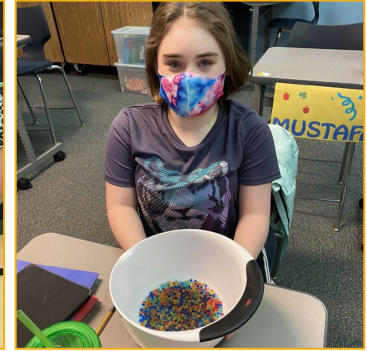
- Social distancing reminders
- Classrooms are set up to adhere to social distancing requirements
- Hand-sanitizing stations
- Buses cleaned frequently and assigned seating
- Secondary buses will remain at 50% capacity
- No visitors, volunteers or group events
- Contactless meal service
- Majority of student support takes place in the classroom to minimize interaction
- Reduced hallway passing time at the high school level



Safety and Mitigation Measures: Personal Protective Equipment



- Face coverings required for staff and students
- MDH and MDE recommend that districts require staff to wear face coverings and face shields together when students and other staff are present
- Clear, three sided desk barriers for small group instruction



Proposed Timeline for Shift to Hybrid



Tuesday, Feb. 16 and Wednesday, Feb. 17 — State-required planning days for making transition (no school grades 6-12)

Thursday, Feb. 18 and Friday, Feb. 19 — Distance learning for grades 6-12

Monday, Feb. 22 — Grades 6-8 and 9-11 start in hybrid

- Includes all students at Area Learning Center, Dakota Ridge, School of Environmental Studies and Transition Plus

Monday, March 8 — Grade 12 starts hybrid

Monday, March 15 — First day of Trimester 3

New Model for Hybrid and 196 Digital Academy



- Model change requests
 - From hybrid to 196 Digital Academy can happen any time
 - From Digital Academy to hybrid will begin March 15 (third trimester)
- **New Hybrid and 196 Digital Academy Models :**
 - New A/B schedule: all students attend each class period 2 days per week
 - Digital Academy students Zoom into classes following the hybrid schedule, offering two synchronous sessions for each class, each week
- Wednesdays continue to offer distance learning and in-person support, with emphasis on 12th graders
- 196 Digital Academy remains a full-time distance learning option

Middle School Schedule

MS Hybrid With Zoom-in	Cohort A Students (and Digital Academy A-K)	Cohort B Students (and Digital Academy L-Z)	Wednesday	Cohort A Students (and Digital Academy A-K)	Cohort B Students (and Digital Academy L-Z)
	Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
7:30-8:45	Prep/Meetings/Student Supervision		7:30-11:30 PD & Learning Teams	Prep/Meetings/Student Supervision	
*20-25 min	Advisory (scheduled any time during the day)			Advisory (scheduled any time during the day)	
*25 min	Lunch (could be attached to advisory or a class period)			Lunch (could be attached to advisory or a class period)	
~40 min	Period 1	Period 1	Student Support 12:30-2:25	Period 1	Period 1
~40 min	Period 2	Period 2		Period 2	Period 2
~40 min	Period 3	Period 3		Period 3	Period 3
~40 min	Period 4	Period 4		Period 4	Period 4
~40 min	Period 5	Period 5		Period 5	Period 5
~40 min	Period 6	Period 6		Period 6	Period 6
2:25-3:30	Student/Family Outreach/Office Hours				

High School Schedule



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:15-7:45	Students Arriving		7:15am-9:30am Professional Development Department Time Learning Team (Additional Prep)	Students Arriving	
7:45-8:23 38 min	A1 ZOOM C (A-K)	B1 ZOOM C (L-Z)		A1 ZOOM C	B1 ZOOM C
8:27-9:05 38 min	A2 ZOOM C	B2 ZOOM C		A2 ZOOM C	B2 ZOOM C
9:09-9:47 38 min	A3 ZOOM C	B3 ZOOM C		A3 ZOOM C	B3 ZOOM C
9:51-10:29 38 min	A4 ZOOM C	B4 ZOOM C		A4 ZOOM C	B4 ZOOM C
10:33-12:18 105 min A 10:33-10:57 11:00-12:18 (78m) B 11:00-11:24 10:33-11(27m) 11:27-12:18(51m) C 11:27-11:51 10:33-11:24(51m) 11:54-12:18 (27m) D 11:54-12:18 10:33-11:51 (78m) 38 min class 24 min lunch 40 min advisory	A5 ZOOM C	B5 ZOOM C	9:30am Buses Arrive	A5 ZOOM C	B5 ZOOM C
	LUNCH	LUNCH	9:30-10:00 Breakfast Available	LUNCH	LUNCH
	ADVISORY	ADVISORY	10:00am-1:30pm In-Person Student Support Student/Family Support Zoom Check-Ins	ADVISORY	ADVISORY
			11:45am-12:15 Lunch Available		
12:22-1:00 38 min	A6 ZOOM C	B6 ZOOM C	1:40pm Buses Depart	A6 ZOOM C	B6 ZOOM C
1:04-1:42 38 min	A7 ZOOM C	B7 ZOOM C	1:30pm-3:15pm Learning Team	A7 ZOOM C	B7 ZOOM C
1:45-2:45	Student Support			Student Support	
2:45-3:15	Additional Contract Time			Additional Contract Time	

Mental Health



Increasing reports of anxiety and stress — Studies say students are reporting at higher rates feeling more anxiety and stress due to pandemic

Students need interactions — Families and students are vocal about the negative impacts of the prolonged absence from classrooms and limited connection with peers and teachers

Access to mental health services — Students will have more consistent and equitable access to mental health professionals (social workers, psychologists, counselors and nurses) if they are in school

Planning Timeline



Week of Jan. 25-29

- Consult with Incident Command Team ✓
- Consult with Regional Support Team ✓
- Consult with Minnesota Department of Education and Minnesota Department of Health ✓
- Adjust plan accordingly based on MDE's decision and RST's direction ✓
- Consult with secondary principals about plan revision ✓

Monday, Feb. 1

- Regional Support Team approved revised plan ✓
- Consult with RESTART Planning Team ✓

Tuesday, Feb. 2

- Share proposal at staff meetings ✓
- Present to School Board for approval

Wednesday, Feb. 3 (pending School Board vote)

- Communicate outcome of School Board meeting to families (schools communicate details following)

Steps to Move Forward



- Schools will provide information to secondary families about the transition and how to request a change in students' learning model
- AS ALWAYS, plans to return to hybrid are contingent on local COVID-19 and staffing data
- Our community engagement and support is imperative to our successful implementation of this proposal
- Families **MUST** have a back-up plan in case students are asked to be in distance learning

Recommendations



- Students in grades 6-11 shift to hybrid learning starting February 22 (includes all grades at the Area Learning Center, Dakota Ridge School, the School of Environmental Studies and Transition Plus);
- Students in grade 12 shift to hybrid learning starting March 8, and
- Change the 2020-21 calendar to make February 16 and 17 transition days to shift learning model (no school grades 6-12).



Questions?

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