

November 2, 2020

Earlier today, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced that Dauphin County has moved from “moderate” to “substantial” for COVID-19 community spread. The recommendation of the Department of Health is that following two weeks of substantial community spread, districts should *consider* moving to a fully remote model. The recommendations from PDE and DOH rely on two standard public health metrics: incidence rate per 100,000 residents and the percent positivity of diagnostic testing.

The Millersburg Area School District will continue to monitor local case data and confer with DOH and PDE officials to make decisions in the best interest of the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff. The District will continue to implement its Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan with fidelity.

Please continue to watch for the primary symptoms of COVID-19, which include cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, severe headache and new loss of taste or smell. If you or your child begins to experience symptoms, please keep your child home, and consult a licensed healthcare provider.

I am extremely proud and grateful of the efforts of our students, staff, and parents with wearing face coverings, practicing social distancing, and using good hygiene. I thank you for your partnership, and support of the district as we continue to work to provide a safe, effective, and meaningful public education for our students.

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