

Wheaton Area Schools
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Dear Parents,

Last evening, the Wheaton Area Schools' Board of Directors voted to approve the Resolution to begin our school year with Learning Scenario 1, an in-person learning model on September 8th. This is very positive news, but we will continue to monitor our community health as it relates to COVID-19. We hope those numbers will stay low, so that we can begin with in-person learning, as planned.

The State of Minnesota's [Safe Learning Plan for 2020-21](#) uses our positive COVID-19 cases, plugged into a formula to provide us a number on the rating scale (below).

Number of cases per 10,000 over 14 days, by county of residence	Learning Model
0-9	In-person learning for all students
10-19	In-person learning for elementary students; hybrid learning for secondary students
20-29	Hybrid learning for all students
30-49	Hybrid learning for elementary students; distance learning for secondary students
50+	Distance learning for all students

As the number of cases in our county fluctuate throughout the school year, we must determine if those cases affect our school community. The data will be reviewed with a regional support team, and our own Advisory Council. If we must change our learning model, we will inform parents and the community as quickly as possible.

Regardless of which learning model we are in, Wheaton Area Schools will provide a distance learning option for any student whose family chooses, due to medical risks or any other safety concerns.

What the learning models mean for Wheaton Area Schools:

In-person learning model – classes will remain in rooms as normal. Students spread out, and social distancing of 6 feet when feasible.

Hybrid learning model – all students in school, but split up more, classrooms with fewer students, social distancing of 6 feet always.

Distance learning model – All students work from home, with online tools.

As long as our learning model is “in-person,” or “hybrid, students will have the opportunity to be in school, and face masks/coverings are a requirement for all students and staff. More specific information on how our school days will work at each building will be sent to you in the coming days. I hope this provides you with information that will help you plan your child(ren)’s school year.

As ordered by the State of Minnesota, face masks/coverings are required for all staff and students.

Thank you,

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