

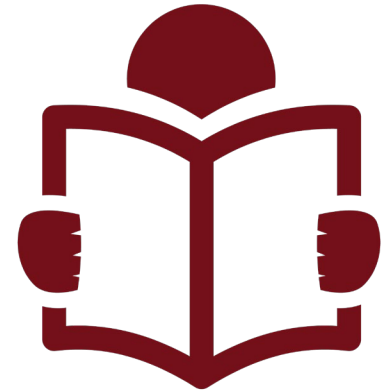
July 23, 2020

Return to School Task Force



Planning for 2020-21 Return to School

School in 2020-21 will be different as we continue to deliver instruction for each student while addressing student, staff and community health and safety during the pandemic. Our planning for the upcoming school year is being informed by guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, King County Health, the Office of Superintendent of Public instruction and other agencies. We are also referring to local, state, national and international models and examples of schooling during the pandemic as we develop our plans. These plans will need to be flexible as we expect there will be ongoing local and regional developments resulting from COVID-19 throughout the year that will require we make adjustments to how we deliver instruction and services for our students and families.



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OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE
STUDENTS RECEIVING
IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION
FROM THEIR TEACHERS

Mission

Each student will graduate prepared to lead a rewarding, responsible life as a contributing member of our community and greater society.

Vision

Every student Future Ready:



**PREPARED FOR
COLLEGE**



**PREPARED FOR THE
GLOBAL WORKPLACE**



**PREPARED FOR
PERSONAL SUCCESS**

Return to School Guiding Principles

Five Guiding Principles will shape the planning and decisions made by the Task Force and Workgroups.

GP-01:

Protect the health and well-being of students, staff, and families.

GP-02:

Educate each student.

GP-03:

Ensure active, consistent and meaningful connections with each student.

GP-04:

Proactively address inequities related to race, ability, socio-economic status, and language that have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

GP-05:

Engage our families.

Return to School Goals

Five Goals will be accomplished by the Task Force and Workgroups.

The Return to School Task Force and workgroups have been tasked with developing flexible plans that:

G-1

Mitigate and minimize the spread of Coronavirus in accordance with health agency guidance.

G-2

Keep staff and students safe and support social-emotional well-being and interactions.

G-3

Prioritize inclusive access to learning for each student.

G-4

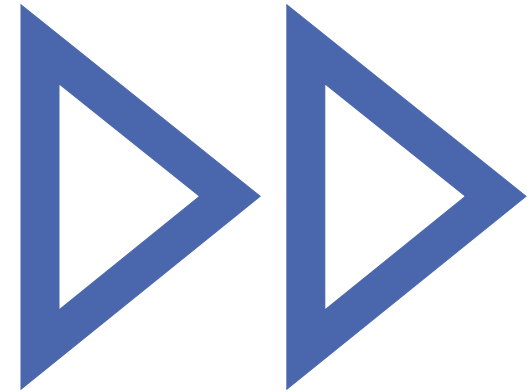
Support families.

G-5

Enable staff and students to return to learning in ways that are significantly better than during our closures during the 2019-20 school year.



Shifting Directions





DECISION POINT

Lake Washington School District will start the 2020-21
School Year in a fully remote model.





Rationale for Decision

1. Governor Inslee's Safe Start Phased Reopening
2. Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Guidance
3. Department of Health Guidance
4. Infectious Disease Modeling Report
5. King County COVID Data Dashboard
6. Discussions with King County Health Department specific to Lake Washington School District
7. King County Department of Health Public Statement of Support

WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH

Modifying Physical Distancing Measures

INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES SHOULD FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE DURING ALL PHASES

	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3	 Phase 4
High-Risk Populations*	Stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 permissible activities.	Strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 or Phase 2 permissible activities.	Strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in Phase 1, 2, or 3 permissible activities.	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
Recreation	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	Outdoor recreation involving 5 or fewer people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor group rec. sports activities (50 or fewer people) - Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.) 	Resume all recreational activity
Gatherings (non religious)	No gatherings	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 10 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
Travel	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I permissible activities	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I & II permissible activities	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
Business/ Employers (All businesses will be required to follow safety plans written by the state)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meets agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Auto/RV/boat/ORV sales - Retail (curbside pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Pet walkers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remaining manufacturing - Additional construction phases - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Personal services (hair and nail salons/barbers, tattoo, etc.) - Pet grooming - Restaurants/taverns <50% capacity, table size no larger than 5 (no bar-area seating) - Limited small group fitness - Drive-in Movie Theaters - Library (curbside pick-up) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restaurants/taverns <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10 - Theaters at <50% capacity - Customer-facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 10 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene - Live entertainment

* High risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled), including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

Governor Inslee's Safe Start Phased Reopening

King County is currently in Phase 2 which allows for essential business and places significant restrictions on group sizes and non-essential travel.

Reference:

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartPhasedReopening.pdf>

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We have not received communication on whether the Governor will take action related to K-12 schools as he did in the Spring.

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Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Guidance

Reference:

<https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/workgroups/Reopening%20Washington%20Schools%202020%20Planning%20Guide.pdf>

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Office of
Superintendent of
Public
Instruction

(OSPI)

OSPI has stated they do not intend on updating guidance.

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What would cause us not to be able to open?



INCREASED CASES OF THE
VIRUS WITH A TRANSMISSION
RATE OVER 1.0



ABILITY TO ADEQUATELY
STAFF OUR
SCHOOLS/BUILDINGS

Why are increased cases an issue if there are not as many severe cases or deaths?



Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools-h.pdf>

Why can't you staff your schools?

- Staff in high-risk categories per CDC guidelines
- Impacts on staff due to multiple school districts implementing different models of schooling or implementing full remote learning
- Concern with increasing the spread of COVID due to challenges with physical distancing

Department of Health Guidance

- Provides information related to all requirements related to issues such as:
 - Physical distancing
 - Drop off and Pick up
 - Modified start and end times within the school
 - Health Screening
 - Grouping students
 - Meal service
 - Hygiene practices
 - Face coverings for students and staff
 - Bus transportation
 - Response to active case within a school
 - Cleaning and disinfecting

Reference: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/FallGuidanceK-12.pdf>

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Infectious Disease Modeling Report

- Community-wide mitigation efforts must improve significantly prior to school reopening. We estimate that **if the effective reproductive number is below one at the end of August, we may have capacity to reopen schools** with appropriate countermeasures.
- ...recent case data collected since this report was drafted show exponential growth in COVID-19 burden and indicate that levels of disease activity following the move to Phase II are too high to support school reopening.

Reference: https://covid.idmod.org/data/Schools_are_not_islands_we_must_mitigate_community_transmission_to_reopen_schools.pdf

Is the outbreak
growing, shrinking or
stable?

Metric will be updated
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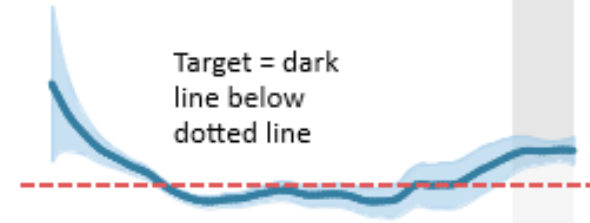
Effective reproductive (Re) number
calculated by the Institute for
Disease Modeling and Microsoft AI
for Health team.

Best
estimate
below 1

1.7



Estimate range: 1.4 - 1.9



KING COUNTY COVID DATA DASHBOARD

Reference: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/key-indicators.aspx>



King County

Key Indicators of COVID-19 Activity in King County, Washington

Updated:
7/21/2020
1:41 PM

Hover over the circles to get more details on the criteria or visit our blog:

<https://publichealthinsider.com/2020/05/27/public-health-publishes-new-covid-19-key-indicators-dashboard/>

Legend

Meeting target

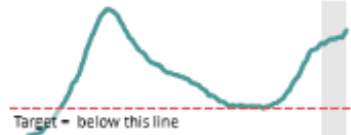
Not meeting target

Key question	Criteria	Target	Current status	Target met?	Trend from March 1 to July 20 (grey bands are the days of interest)
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COVID-19 Activity

What are the trends in the numbers of reported cases?

Total number of cases for the last 14 days per 100,000 residents.

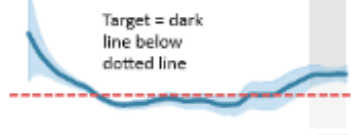
<25
per 100k95 per
100k

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Best estimate below 1

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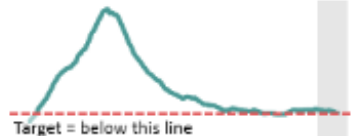
Estimate range: 1.4 - 1.9

Is the risk of being hospitalized with COVID-19 changing?

Rate of hospitalization per 100,000 residents in the past 14 days compared to the prior 14 days.

Flat or decreasing

Decreasing

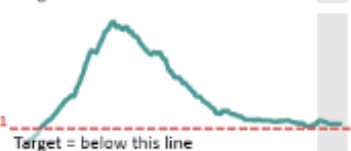


Is the risk of death from COVID-19 changing?

Rate of death per 100,000 residents in past 14 days compared to the prior 14 days.

Flat or decreasing

Increasing



This represents a small increase from 1.0 to 1.1 death per 100,000 over 14 days.

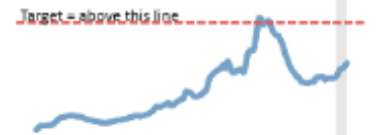
Testing Capacity

Are we testing enough to detect most cases?

Number of people tested for each positive result over the last 7 days.

≥50

33



Are we testing quickly enough? (prompt testing is needed to decrease transmission)

Number of days (median) between illness onset and test date over the last 7 days.

≤2

3



Healthcare System Readiness

How many beds are occupied in our hospitals?

Percent of beds occupied across hospitals in King County.

≤80%

71%

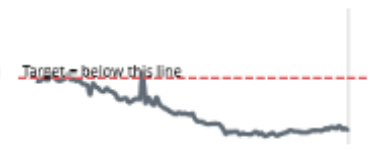


What proportion of hospital beds are filled with COVID-19 patients?

Percent of King County hospital beds serving COVID patients.

≤10%

3%



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Discussions with King County Health Department specific to Lake Washington School District


- Met with Director of King County Health to review information, data and questions related to LWSD
- Indicated that Infectious Diseases Modeling group has reported Washington is on a negative trajectory
- Expressed concern that if we were to open schools right now that, given the current transmission rate and modeling, the virus would spread too rapidly to contain which would cause immediate closure of a school/district
- Providing support for developing plans to provide in-person instruction for specific student groups and for phased reopening ideas

King County Department of Health

Public Statement of Support

- Public Health – Seattle & King County **supports school districts** across King County that have made the tough decision to begin the school year with online learning.
- The current level of **COVID-19 transmission in King County is of serious concern**. The increase in COVID-19 cases is continuing with an average of 157 cases per day over the last week, up from 36 cases per day reported in early June. This is the highest volume of cases reported since early April.
- Schools must consider a number of factors, including the level of community COVID-19 transmission, when deciding whether to have in-person learning. Given the current levels of transmission in the community, **Public Health recognizes it would be very challenging for schools to re-open**.
- Public Health also recognizes that schools, with engagement from families, educators, staff, and childcare organizations, **need to make decisions now to be ready** to offer the most effective learning and support to students, families, and staff in the fall.

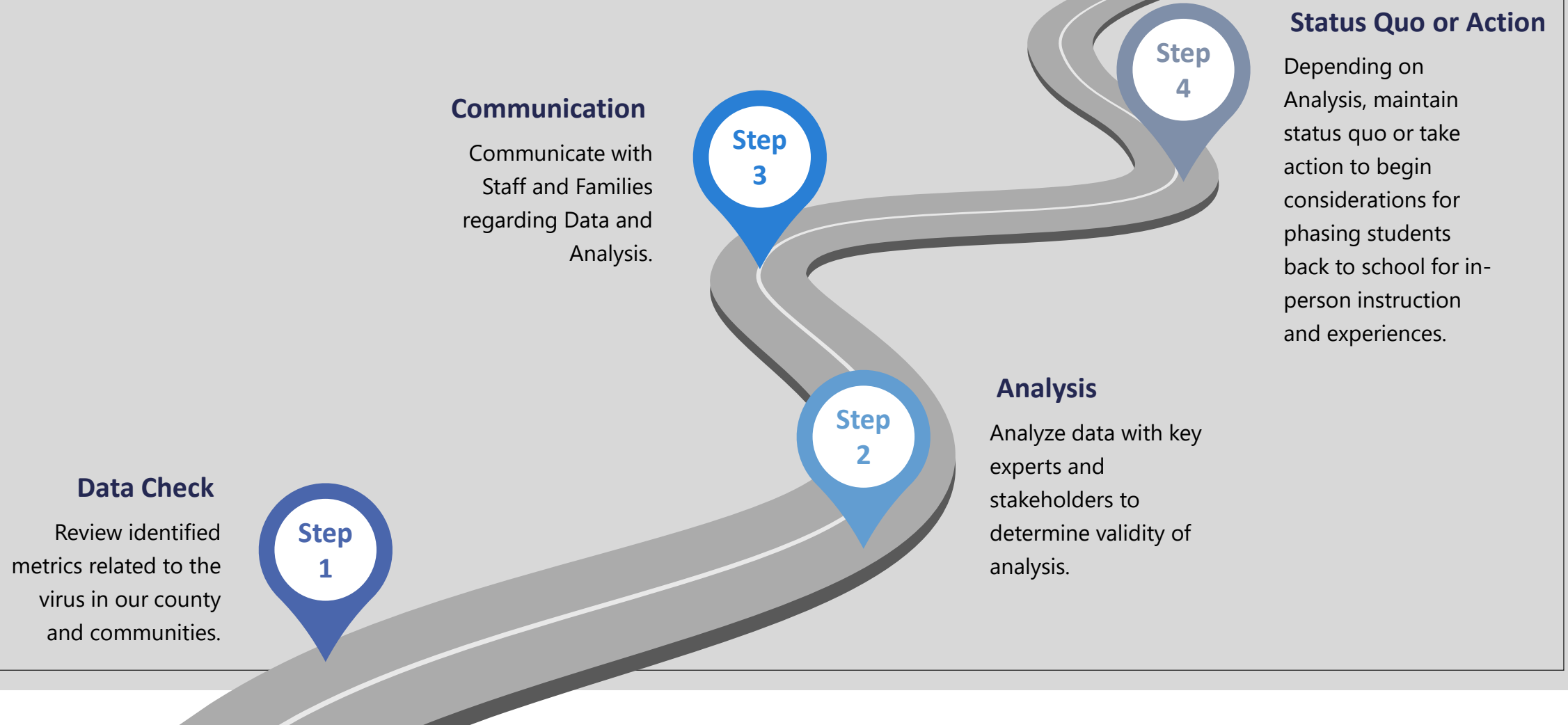
Reference: <https://publichealthinsider.com/2020/07/22/public-health-supports-decisions-by-schools-to-begin-school-year-with-online-learning/>




When will students
return to school for
in-person instruction?

Review and Communication Protocol

Data checks will occur:
October 1, November 1, December 1, and January 1





What metrics will be used to
evaluate the ability to start
returning students to in-
person instruction?

Identified Metrics


- King County Dashboard: Key indicators of COVID-19 activity in King County
- Key metric – Transmission Rate <1.0
- Rapid testing and quality contact tracing by King County Department of Health available
- Learning data for LWSD students
 - Daily attendance
 - Online activity
 - Benchmark assessment data



What other considerations
are being made?

Other Considerations

- Childcare
 - Aspirational target
 - Provide Adequate Space
 - Opportunity to learn
 - Considers families that require daytime supports
- Remote Learning Model:
 - Mike Van Orden
 - Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning



Please submit Questions via K-12 Insight survey located on the district website and being sent to your email inbox.



Thank you to our
students, staff and
families