



COVID CONVO: ENGAGE WITH LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS ON COVID-19

Every Friday through October 30th
October 9th | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.





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- **Q&A**

THANK YOU, CRAIG OFTEDAHL + BELINDA SELFORS!



SUPERINTENDENT CRAIG OFTEDAHL
LVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"The information is pertinent and timely. The entire panel is very tuned into what is happening in Minnesota and the various issues that COVID has created for schools, parents, students, and communities. This is a great hour of information!"



SUPERINTENDENT BELINDA SELFORS
STEWARTVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Participating in the weekly COVID Convos hosted by ICS has provided us with awesome ideas and solutions for the problems we are facing. Tim Lutz from Bemidji, Dan Voce from Mora, and Andrew Almos from East Central have been trailblazers in this work!"



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Wide Range in County Case Rates

- County case rates for 11 school buildings (9 public, 2 parochial) with more than five COVID cases range from 23.01 to 91.66 [Learn more](#)
- MDE advises to use scappled approach with more data points. Use Regional Support Teams in making Learning Model Decisions, refer to [Safe Learning Plan](#)
- Indoor spectator guidance drew headlines. See page 20 of MDE's Guidance
- MCA's and other state assessments was buried on page 66 of MDE's Guidance
 - "Regardless of the learning mode of a district or an individual student, districts should prepare and plan to administer all required statewide assessment in person for the 2020–21 school year. "

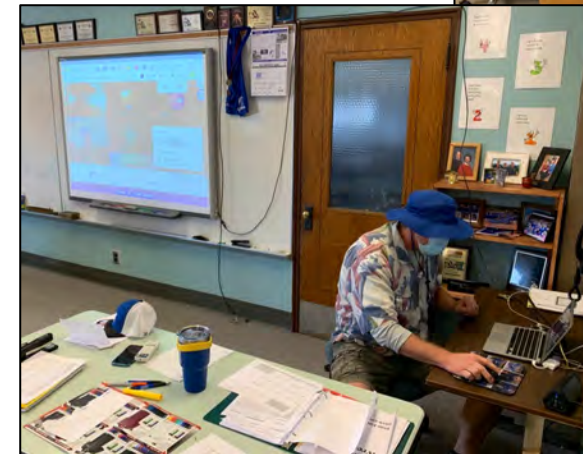
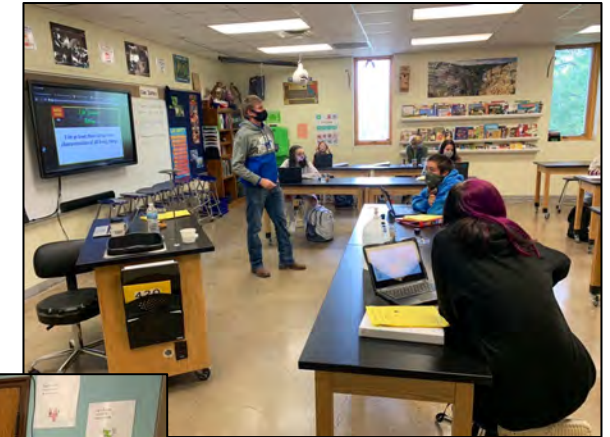
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Mora Public Schools



Distance Learning – Family Flex

- **Elementary:** teach grade(s) level distance Learning
 - Set up consistent student schedule
 - Online lesson – work time – support - questions
 - Record for review – make student connections
- **High School:** concurrent (A/B and Distance)
 - Sign on live – community building - record
 - Community – feel part of the class and connection
 - Accountability – log on or show missed class



Current COVID Case Rates

- **Hybrid (PreK – 12) Groups A/B**
- **Rates are declining:**
 - 10/3 = 24.37
 - 10/7 = 16.87
- **Start preparing for Phase 2: Hybrid/in-person**
 - Staffing
 - Communication
 - Process for transition
 - Review our Plan - Adjustments
- **Prepare for Distance Learning**

NEWS EDUCATION

Coronavirus surge may push more MN schools to close

Half of MN counties get more restrictive guidance for in-person learning

By JOSH VERGES | jverges@pioneerpress.com | Pioneer Press
PUBLISHED: October 8, 2020 at 12:54 p.m. | UPDATED: October 8, 2020 at 5:40 p.m.

14 COMMENTS

14-day case rate per 10,000 people by date of specimen collection

County Name	8/2 - 8/15	8/9 - 8/22	8/16 - 8/29	8/23 - 9/5	8/30-9/12	9/6-9/19	9/13-9/26
Kanabec	10.62	16.25	12.50	6.87	16.25	25.62	24.37

ALL SECTIONS | StarTribune

At least eight Minnesota prep football games canceled because of virus issues

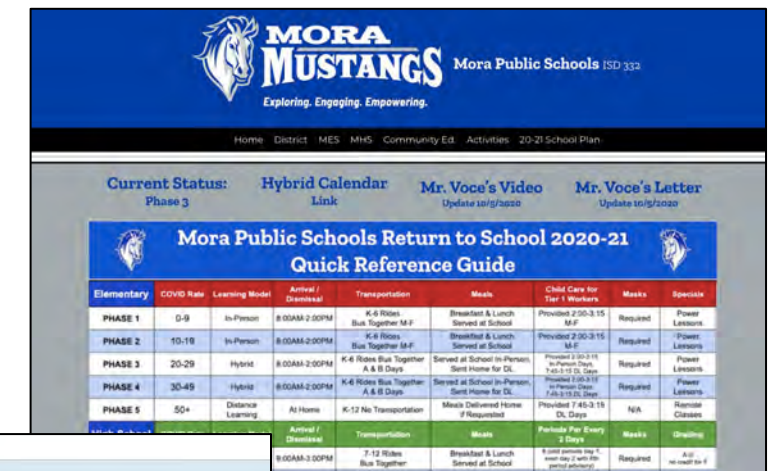
COVID-19 cases have led to the cancellation of football games scheduled for this weekend, with some teams finding new opponents -- or continuing to look for them.

By Paul Klauda Star Tribune | OCTOBER 8, 2020 4:40 PM



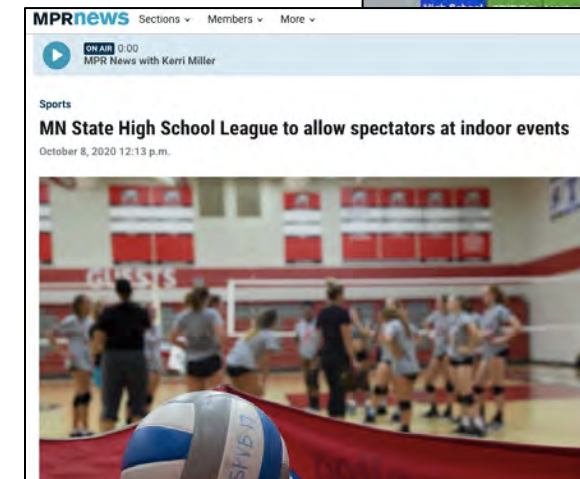
What Else...Driving Analogy

- **Communication:** clear, consistent – stakeholders
- **Website:** check, clean, concise
- **Climate and culture:** positive, supportive, flexible, community
- **Health/Safety:** transparency, teach & reinforce
- **MSHSL:** activities, spectators, contests
- **Challenges:** change, stress, anxiety
- **Staffing:** quarantines, leaves, sub, time
- **Budget:** enrollment, staffing, expenditures



Mora Public Schools Return to School 2020-21 Quick Reference Guide

Elementary	COVID Rate	Learning Model	Arrival / Dismissal	Transportation	Meals	Child Care for Staff & Workers	Masks	Specs
PHASE 1	0-9	In Person	8:00AM-2:00PM	K-6 Rides Bus Together M-F	Breakfast & Lunch Served at School	Provided 7:50-8:15 M-F	Required	Power Lessons
PHASE 2	10-19	In Person	8:00AM-2:00PM	K-6 Rides Bus Together M-F	Breakfast & Lunch Served at School	Provided 7:50-8:15 M-F	Required	Power Lessons
PHASE 3	20-29	Hybrid	8:00AM-2:00PM	K-6 Rides Bus Together A & B Days	Served at School in Person, Sent Home for DL	Provided 7:50-8:15 in Person Days, 7:45-8:15 DL Days	Required	Power Lessons
PHASE 4	30-49	Hybrid	8:00AM-2:00PM	K-6 Rides Bus Together A & B Days	Served at School in Person, Sent Home for DL	Provided 7:50-8:15 in Person Days, 7:45-8:15 DL Days	Required	Power Lessons
PHASE 5	50+	Distance Learning	At Home	K-12 No Transportation	Meals Delivered Home if Requested	Provided 7:45-8:15 DL Days	N/A	Reverse Classes



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East Central Public Schools



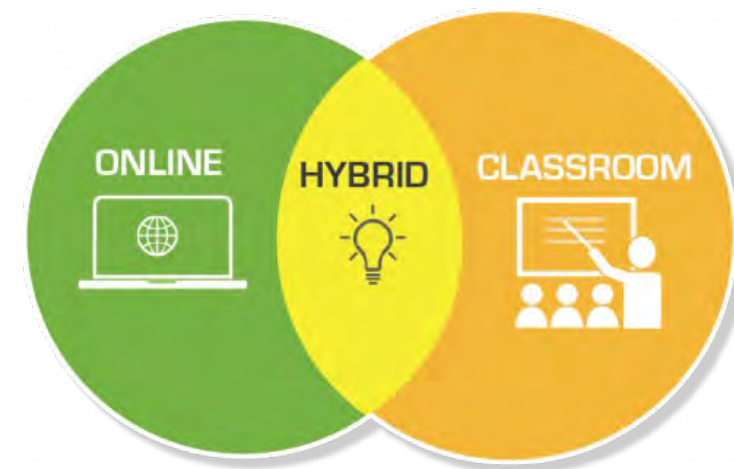
Distance Learning

- **Dedicated staff for support:** Digital Navigator
- **Evolving expectations:** continuous improvement model
- Communication!
- Alignment with in-person classrooms: challenging but necessary
- **PLC's:** Resident Experts & Planning time
- Failure IS an option!
- **Obsessive editing:** just post it!



Situation Update

- This week's case rate = **56.64** (w/o prison cases = **22.33**)
- Prediction next week = **39.52** (w/o prison cases = **22.68**)
- Currenting no cases connected to the school system (knock on wood!)
- High School currently in Hybrid Model – two days per week in person
- **Elementary moving to Hybrid on October 19**
 - Tweaks to our model: 50% capacity, social distancing, etc.
 - 4 days per week PreK-6
 - Wednesday: Distance Learning for All
 - Pine County Schools: similar models



What's Next

- Spectators at indoor athletic events: safety planning
- October 14: Elementary planning day for Hybrid
- Meal delivery planning: Wednesday's
- Childcare: Wednesday's
- **Communications:**
 - Website updates
 - Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
 - Reminders to families:
 - Fall Break: support keeping kids in school
 - Please get tested, Contact Tracing



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Bemidji Area Schools ISD 31



Distance Learning: What Teachers are Learning

- Have a lead teacher or Dean to support other teachers
- Have common prep time/lead teacher time
- Create a strong class identity (Monarchs)
- Utilize an office hour or office day
- Connect, connect, connect!



Situation Update

- COVID numbers doubling every week
- This week's case rate = **47.07**
- Active cases in county = **217**
- MDH rolling average = **23.20**
- Consulting with NW Minnesota Regional Support Team
- Several cases in ISD 31 schools
- No community spread in schools
- Primary schools still in-person; secondary schools currently in Hybrid Model
- Collaborating with county public health and Sanford Health

Day/Date	Rate/10,000	Number
Monday 10/5/20	39.70	183
Tuesday 10/6/20	41.87	193
Wednesday 10/7/20	42.73	197
Thursday 10/8/20	44.25	204
Friday 10/9/20	47.07	217

What's New in Bemidji

- 5 cases of contact tracing
- 2 Kindergarten classes in quarantine
- Parents not following quarantine guidelines
- Local group homes not following quarantine guidelines
- Messaging about learning plan processes going to newspaper
- Additional messaging to parents going out through the media

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Service Cooperative Update



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Public Health with Neil Carlson





ASHRAE/CDC Changes

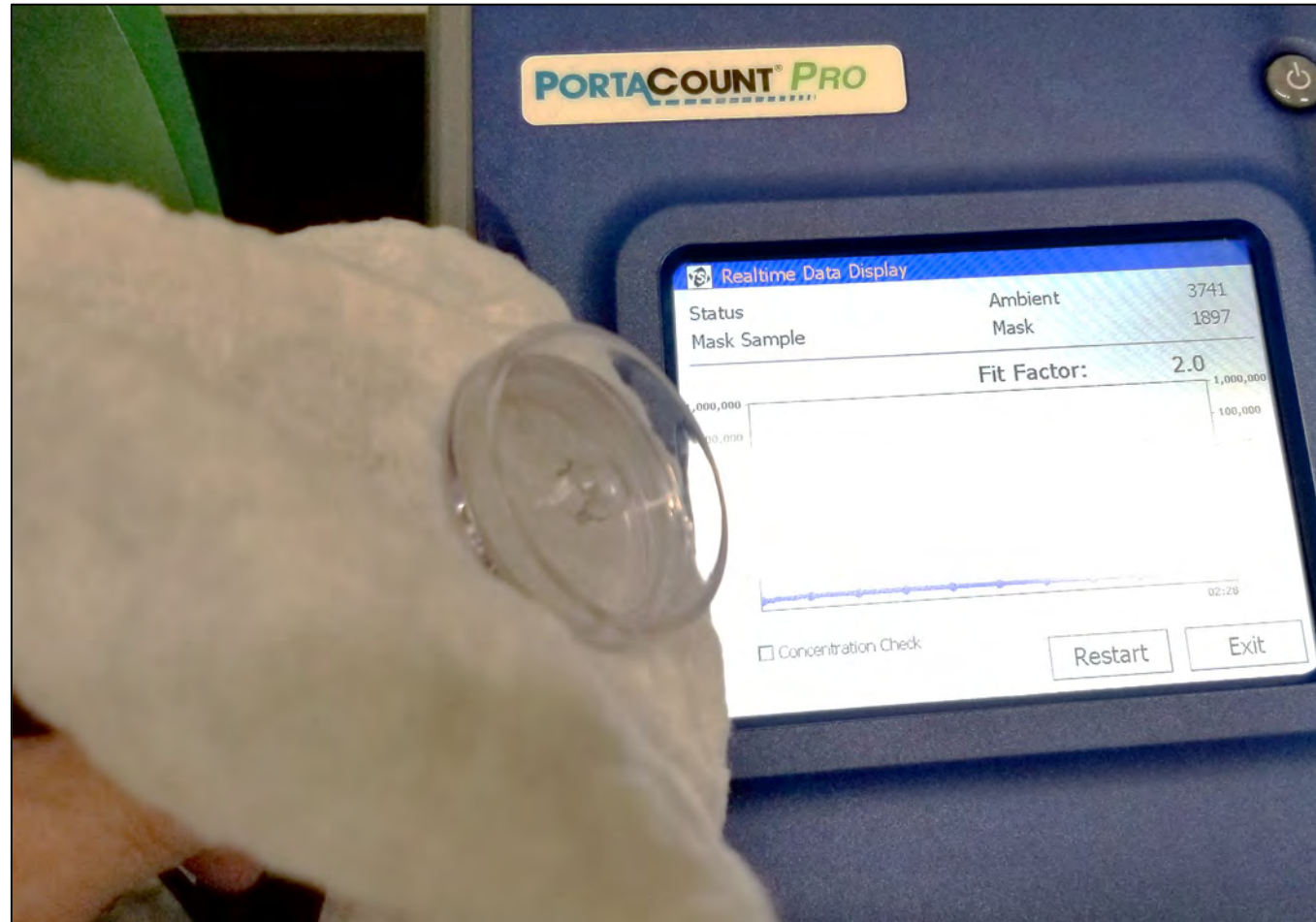
- Turn fans on 2 hours prior to occupancy and leave on 2 hours after occupancy
- Make changes in the amount of outside air to prevent coils from freezing
- SARS-Cov-2 is airborne but not the main method of transmission



RESEARCH ON BAND INSTRUMENT COVERS



Ambient	4664
Mask	3053
Fit Factor:	1.5
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Thank You for Your Time!

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Presentation Resources

- [East Central Public Schools Reopening Schools Plan](#)
- [Mora Public Schools Reopening Schools Plan](#)
- [Bemidji Area Schools Reopening Schools Information](#)
- [ICS Reopening Schools Website](#)
- [Learn more](#) (county case rates)
- [Safe Learning Plan](#)