



KITSAP COUNTY COVID-19 SCHOOLS UPDATE

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Who decides how schools will provide instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic?



Public school districts and private schools decide how their schools will operate during the COVID-19 pandemic.



The state Department of Health and Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction produce guidance to help schools make decisions.



The Kitsap Public Health District supports Kitsap schools with COVID-19 data and assistance creating health and safety plans.

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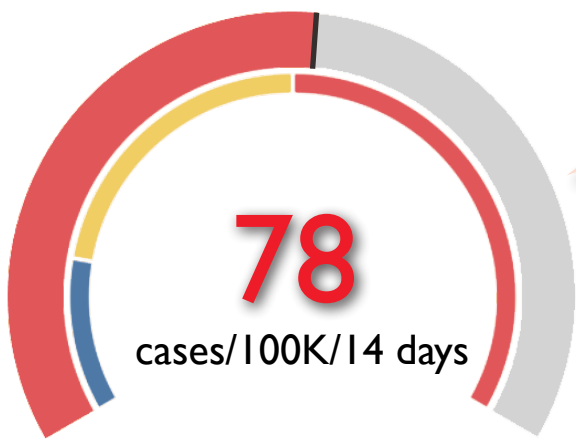
Key considerations for in-person instruction

School	Community	Individual
School's ability to implement health and safety measures.	COVID-19 activity level in Kitsap County.	Individual awareness of COVID-19 risk factors and ability to follow prevention guidance.
School's ability to monitor for and respond to COVID-19 cases.	Capacity for healthcare and public health to respond to COVID-19 cases.	

COVID-19 ACTIVITY IN KITSAP COUNTY

The state Department of Health (DOH) established recommendations for school activities based on the level of COVID-19 risk in each county. Risk level is based on the number of **new cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population reported over 14 days** abbreviated as **cases/100k/14 days**. Other recommended metrics include trends in COVID-19 test positivity and hospitalizations.

Kitsap County COVID-19 case rate



As of Nov. 1, COVID-19 activity in Kitsap was in the **high risk** range, based on the state's definition.

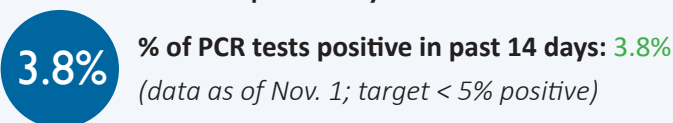
DOH risk levels and school guidance

HIGH RISK >75 cases/100k/14 days
DOH recommendations: Distance learning with the option for limited in-person learning for highest-need students. Canceling or postponing most in-person extracurricular activities.

MODERATE RISK 25-75 cases/100k/14 days
DOH recommendations: Distance learning with the option for limited in-person learning for highest-need students. Consider gradual expansion of in-person education, beginning with elementary students.

LOW RISK <25 cases/100k/14 days
DOH recommendations: In-person learning for elementary students and hybrid learning for middle and high school. Consider full time in-person learning for middle and high school students over time as space allows.

COVID-19 test positivity



COVID-19 hospitalization trend

