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**INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS DECISION CRITERIA ASSESSMENT TOOL**  
**As of August 19, 2020**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In Shawano and Menominee Counties, COVID-19 has been with us for a while now and we still are learning and adapting. Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department understands the struggle for schools to make decisions on when school should be held in person and when school should be more virtual. There are many situations to consider when making the decision about school learning methods. We definitely want to protect as many students and teachers and families as possible with these decisions. This is a tool to help you review factors that could show the risks for COVID-19 are increasing. Please note that it is not recommended to use only one criteria to make a decision to switch to complete virtual school. It may be best to look at multiple factors for these decisions. This is a tool to help you assess the situation.

Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department would like to work with schools to help you find the current status for some of these criteria. Some data may be available through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Some data may be available from the health department and will be displayed on the health department's website. Some data may be available from the school. The health department hopes to provide tools, such as the School Surveillance System, to help schools collect this additional data if they would choose to do so. When available, links to the data source are provided.

**HOW TO USE THE TOOL**

The type of criteria is provided at the left. Additional notes may be included. If a source of data is available, it is linked there. The Targets/Benchmarks section shows what the best expectations would be for the criteria indicated. The Interpretations section shows the level of risk or the options for whether criteria is met or unmet. The items marked in lighter color may show lower risk while items in darker color may show higher risk. Current status would be where you could plug in the current interpretations based on available data. The more status items that would be the darker color, the higher the risks for in person instruction at the time.

If at any point in the school year you are concerned about your school's risks, whether risks have increased, or if you would like to discuss the risks, please call the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department. Please note that this information or data/surveillance information that is available may change at any time based on update or availability.



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**DECISION CRITERIA AND ASSESSMENT**

CRITERIA & SOURCE	TARGETS/BENCHMARKS	INTERPRETATIONS	CURRENT STATUS
Shawano County & Menominee County <b>BURDEN</b> <b># of new cases in last 2 weeks per 100,000</b>  <i>*Please note that school district burden information may be available but may not show positive cases within your district from another county. *Also, please note that with school choice, students may be going to schools outside of their district. We recommend using county-wide data for this criteria.</i>  <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm</a>	<b>Low Burden (&lt;10 cases per 100,000)</b> This is equivalent to: Shawano – <4 cases Menominee – 1 case	Lowest Concern	
	<b>Moderate Burden (10-50 Cases per 100,000)</b> This is equivalent to: Shawano – 4-20 cases Menominee – 2 cases	Concern	
	<b>Moderately High Burden (51-100 Cases per 100,000)</b> This is equivalent to: Shawano – 21-41 cases Menominee – 3-5 cases	More Concern	
	<b>High Burden (&gt;100 Cases per 100,000)</b> This is equivalent to: Shawano – >41 cases Menominee – >5 cases	Highest Concern	
Shawano County & Menominee County <b>TRAJECTORY</b> <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm</a>	Shrinking	May be Improving	
	No Significant Change	Consider the Burden	
	Growing	May be Worsening	
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Shawano County & Menominee County <b>ACTIVITY LEVEL</b> <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm</a>	Low	Lowest Concern		
	Medium	Concern		
	High	Highest Concern		
Testing Capacity  DHS or Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department Data	COVID-19 testing available for all symptomatic persons.	Met	Unmet	
	670 tests completed per week	Met	Unmet	
Hospital Capacity Fox Valley HERC Region  <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/hosp-data.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/hosp-data.htm</a>	Number of patients receiving mechanical ventilation is less than 67% of total ventilator supply.	Met	Unmet	
	Percentage of beds available is greater than 10%.	Met	Unmet	
Contact Tracing Capacity  Internal Metrics of the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department	Reach Cases within 24 hours. Reach Identified contacts within 24 hours. Cases and contacts provide information & cooperate with quarantine & isolation.	Met	Unmet	
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School Demographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Size of School</li> <li>• Other Abilities to Mitigate (masking, handwashing, etc...)</li> <li>• Other Activities Occurring (ex. Extracurricular Events, Sports)</li> </ul>	Larger schools may have more difficulty physically distancing.	Can physical distance	Cannot physical distance		
	How compliant are staff/students with these mitigation activities? Are these activities able to mitigate risk at the school?	Successful	Unsuccessful		
	Internal School Metrics	Limitation on large gatherings or activities with close personal contact (such as sports).	Not Occurring	Occurring	
Absenteeism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illness &amp; Type of Illness</li> <li>• Quarantine</li> </ul>	School identifies percentage of absenteeism to be able to function appropriately and has not met that level.	Low Absenteeism	High Absenteeism		
	School Surveillance System	Examine types of illness experienced by school. How much of illness is COVID-like or Influenza-like illness?	Low Influenza-Like and COVID-Like Illness	High Influenza-Like and COVID-Like Illness	
		How many individuals are out for quarantine?	Low Quarantine Absenteeism	High Quarantine Absenteeism	
Positive Cases within Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contained?</li> <li>• Widespread?</li> </ul>	Fewest positive cases in school as possible.	No cases in school	Cases in school		
	School Surveillance System Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department	Are positive cases in school contained to particular area or widespread across the school?	Contained	Widespread	
Substitute Teacher Fill Rate Internal School Metrics	School is able to have enough staff available to function.	Enough Staff	Not Enough Staff		