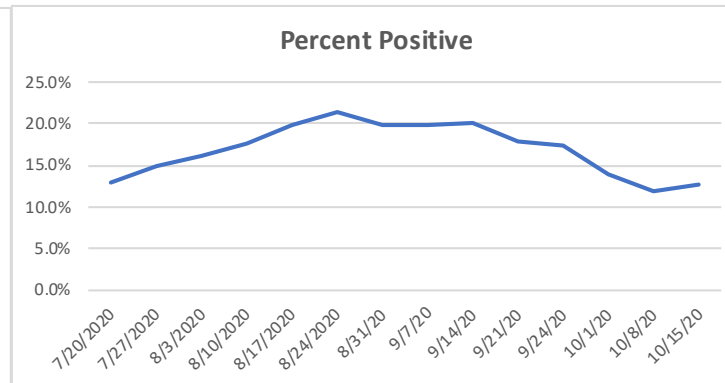
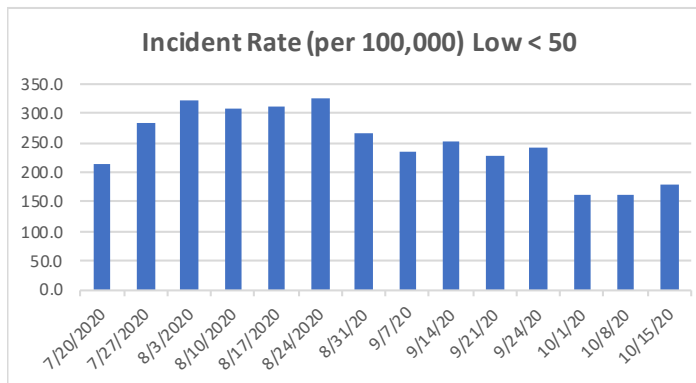


SC DHEC Recent Disease Activity, by County

Lancaster

Date	Incident Rate Category	Incident Rate (per 100,000) Low ≤ 50	Trend in Incident Rate	Percent Positive Category	Percent Positive Low ≤ 5.0%
7/12/2020	High	217.0	High	High	12.0%
7/20/2020	High	214.9	Medium	High	13.0%
7/27/2020	High	285.2	High	High	14.8%
8/3/2020	High	322.9	High	High	16.2%
8/10/2020	High	307.2	Medium	High	17.7%
8/17/2020	High	310.3	Medium	High	19.8%
8/24/2020	High	327.5	High	High	21.4%
8/31/20	High	265.3	Low	High	19.9%
9/7/20	High	233.6	Low	High	19.8%
9/14/20	High	253.0	Medium	High	20.2%
9/21/20	High	227.5	Medium	High	17.9%
9/24/20	High	241.8	Medium	High	17.4%
10/1/20	Medium	161.2	Low	High	13.9%
10/8/20	Medium	163.2	Low	High	11.9%
10/15/20	Medium	178.5	Medium	High	12.8%





Recent Disease Activity, by County

As of 10.15.2020

County	Incidence Rate (per 100,000)		Trend in Incidence Rate	Percent Positive	
Abbeville	High	212.0	Low	High	15.9%
Aiken	High	206.6	Medium	High	13.4%
Allendale	High	333.8	Low	High	15.4%
Anderson	High	214.3	Low	High	13.5%
Bamberg	Medium	128.0	Low	High	10.5%
Barnwell	High	421.7	High	High	15.9%
Beaufort	Medium	109.8	Low	Medium	5.4%
Berkeley	Medium	80.3	Medium	Medium	6.8%
Calhoun	High	219.9	High	High	17.2%
Charleston	Medium	113.3	Medium	Medium	6.7%
Cherokee	Medium	195.5	Low	High	22.2%
Chester	High	263.6	High	High	21.2%
Chesterfield	High	241.0	High	Medium	9.5%
Clarendon	Medium	77.0	Low	Low	3.4%
Colleton	High	265.4	High	High	11.8%
Darlington	Medium	172.6	Low	Medium	8.6%
Dillon	High	449.5	Medium	High	13.7%
Dorchester	Medium	146.2	High	Medium	9.7%
Edgefield	Medium	183.4	Medium	High	10.1%
Fairfield	High	228.2	High	High	12.5%
Florence	Medium	172.8	Medium	Medium	9.4%
Georgetown	Medium	196.2	High	High	17.3%
Greenville	High	234.7	High	High	14.2%
Greenwood	Medium	190.6	Low	High	17.8%
Hampton	High	265.3	Low	High	10.5%
Horry	High	280.7	High	High	17.9%
Jasper	Medium	133.0	Low	Medium	7.5%
Kershaw	High	318.6	Medium	High	14.8%
Lancaster	Medium	178.5	Medium	High	12.8%
Laurens	Medium	149.6	Low	High	13.2%
Lee	Medium	166.4	Medium	High	11.2%
Lexington	High	218.9	Low	High	12.5%
Marion	High	336.0	High	High	16.3%
Marlboro	High	317.8	High	High	12.7%
McCormick	Medium	126.8	Low	High	10.4%
Newberry	High	405.8	Medium	High	20.2%
Oconee	High	543.1	Medium	High	23.7%
Orangeburg	Medium	111.4	Medium	Medium	9.3%
Pickens	High	388.5	Medium	High	19.1%
Richland	Medium	189.5	Low	High	11.1%
Saluda	Medium	117.2	High	High	14.3%
Spartanburg	High	243.6	High	High	15.3%
Sumter	Medium	107.8	Low	Medium	9.9%
Union	High	285.5	High	High	12.7%
Williamsburg	Medium	112.0	Low	Medium	5.7%
York	Medium	181.9	High	High	12.6%

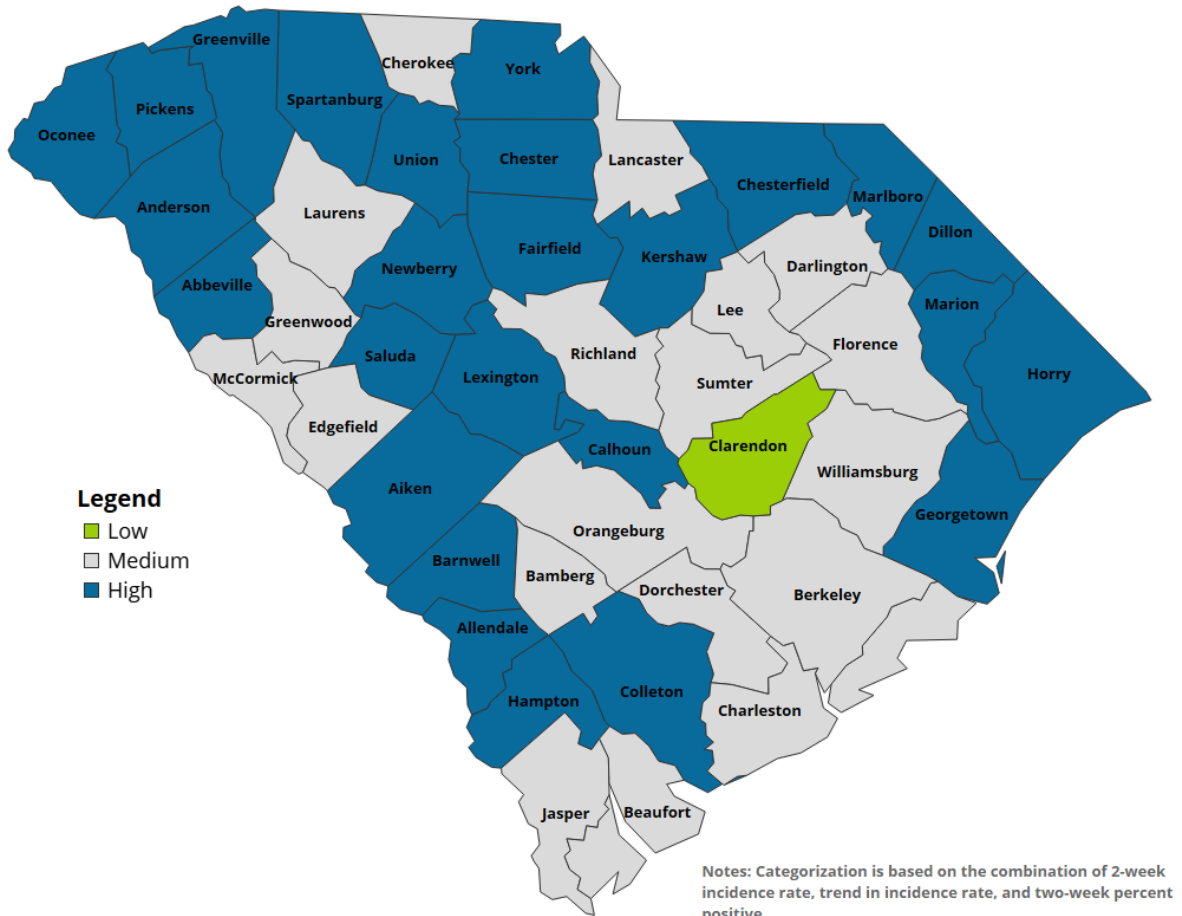
Recent Disease Activity, by County

As of 10.15.2020



COVID-19 Recent Disease Activity, by County

As of 11:59 PM on 10/14/2020



1 County has **Low** Recent Disease Activity
19 Counties have **Medium** Recent Disease Activity
26 Counties have **High** Recent Disease Activity

Covid-19 Dashboard

District Summary at a Glance

Week of Oct. 4 - 10

Both totals include students and employees districtwide for in-person students and staff.

Total Quarantined Total Positive

184 9

Lancaster County Disease Activity

Two-Week
Incident Rate

MEDIUM
163.2 per 100,000 people

Trend in
Incident Rate

LOW

Two-Week
Positive Rate

HIGH - 11.9%

Definitions:

Quarantine - Includes individuals who might have been exposed to COVID-19 or who've recently had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

Close Contact - Includes individuals who were within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset.

Isolation - Includes individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 and individuals who are asymptomatic but have tested positive for infection with SARS-CoV-2.

Positive - only includes individuals with a lab-confirmed positive test.

Individuals who were in proximity to a positive case are notified and will be monitored for symptoms for 14 days.

Sources: S.C. Department of Health & Control, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, and U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. School data includes cases known by school and district nursing staff.



Covid-19 Dashboard

District Summary at a Glance

Week of Oct. 11 - 16

Both totals include students and employees districtwide for in-person students and staff.

Total Quarantined

279

Total Positive

17

Definitions:

Quarantine - includes individuals who might have been exposed to COVID-19 or who've recently had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

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Lancaster County Disease Activity

**Two-Week
Incident Rate**

MEDIUM
178.5 per 100,000
people

**Trend in
Incident Rate**

MEDIUM

**Two-Week
Positive Rate**

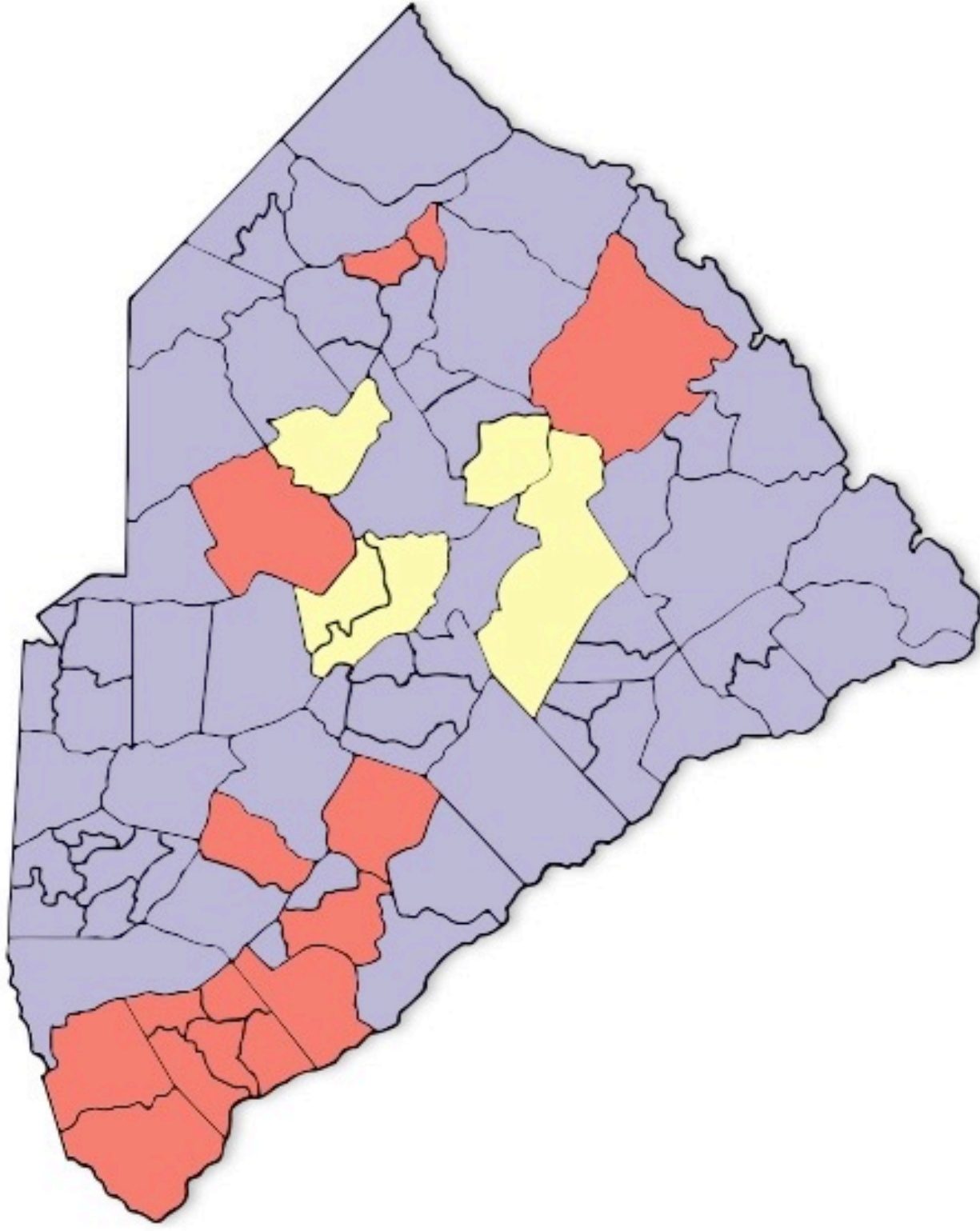
HIGH - 12.8%

Data is updated weekly and only reflects active cases. Data may differ from the SC DHEC report on school-level activity which releases two times per week.

SNAPSHOT OF TODAY – OCTOBER 20, 2020

LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Excluded</i>	<i>Excluded</i>
	Students	Staff	Students	Staff
<i>TOTAL</i>	15	15	226	43
<i>TOTAL POSITIVE</i>		30		
<i>TOTAL EXCLUDED</i>		269		



Map Key

Full Remote
Learning

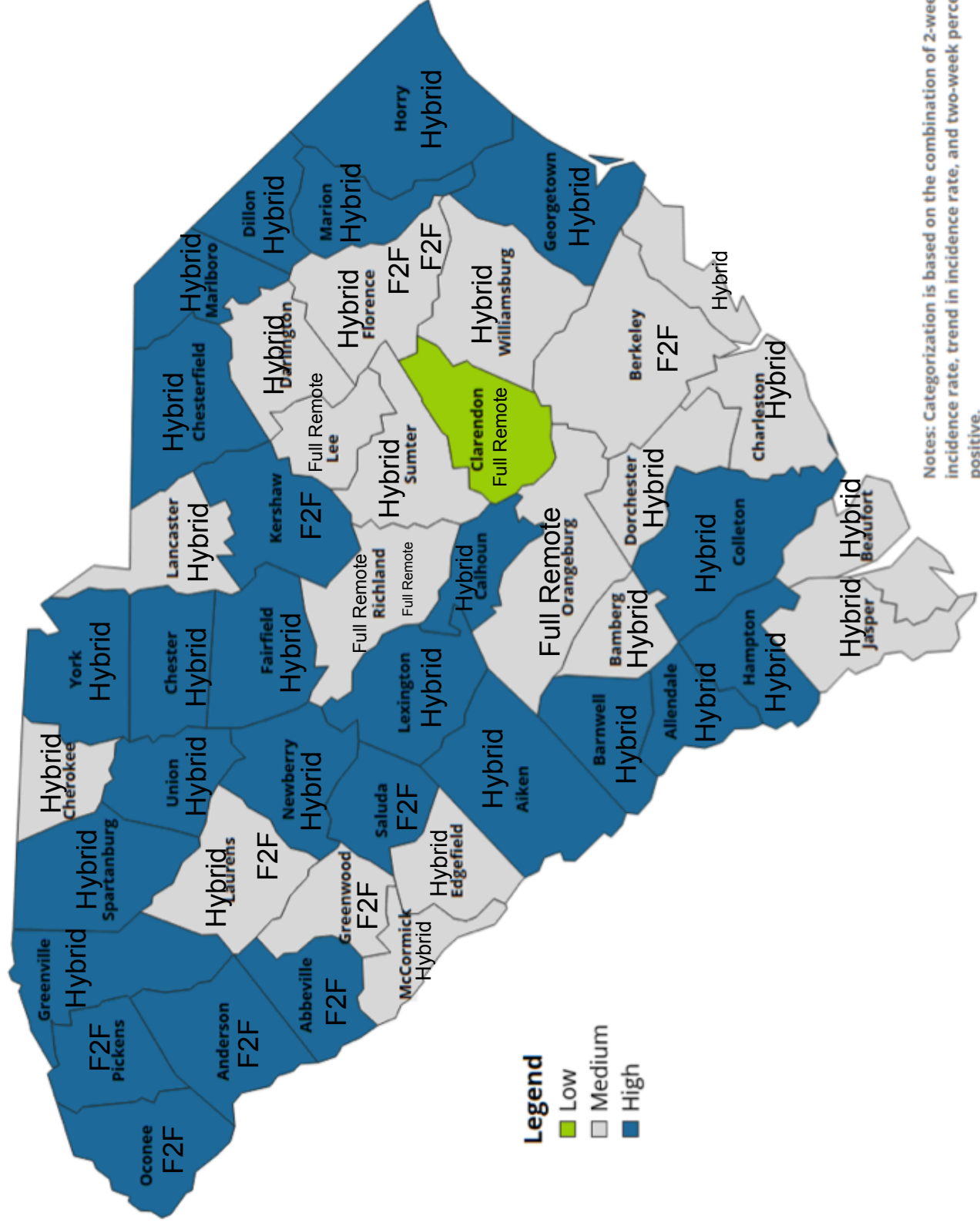
Hybrid

Full Face to Face

Unknown

COVID-19 Recent Disease Activity, by County

As of 11:59 PM on 10/14/2020



Notes: Categorization is based on the combination of 2-week incidence rate, trend in incidence rate, and two-week percent positive.



Lancaster County School District Reopening Considerations

2020-2021 School Year

OPTION A

The Lancaster County School District will follow the guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC), local officials, as well as the SC Department of Education (SC SDE), as we make decisions about the reopening of school and to address educational needs while providing the recommended safety precautions.

The district opened schools on August 31, 2020, offering two models including a fully virtual option and a hybrid model, with the option to move to a more restrictive model (fully virtual) or less restrictive model (fully face-to-face) model based on the current community health situation.

To assist in making our decisions, we will review the statistics as provided by SC DHEC for Lancaster County, the surrounding areas, and the state. Each week, the SC DHEC publishes the “Recent Disease Activity, by County.” At a minimum, the following 3 criteria will be reviewed:

1. **Two-week Incidence Rate:** the number of new cases in the prior two weeks per 100,000 people.
2. **Trend in Incidence Rate:** the two-week incident rate is increasing, decreasing, or stable compared to the previous two weeks.
3. **Two-week Percent Positive Rate:** the percentage of individuals who tested positive out of the number of individuals tested over the previous two weeks.

In addition, we will continue to also view area and state statistics and consult with health care professionals, as we continue to follow guidelines as outlined by the CDC, SC DHEC, and SC SDE.

Lancaster County School District Reopening Considerations

2020-2021 School Year

When would the district transition to a less restrictive model (fully face-to-face) model?

If the Lancaster County data on the “Recent Disease Activity, by County” shows medium or less both the two-week incident rate and the two-week percent positive rate, the district will begin the transition to reopening in 2 weeks.

If the county remains at medium or below on both indicators 3 consecutive weeks then in 2 weeks:

1. The **hybrid elementary** students will transition to 4 days per week.
2. One week after the elementary hybrid students return, **hybrid middle school** students will transition to 4 days per week, with both the A day and B day students attending on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
3. Beginning after winter break, **hybrid high school** students will transition to 4 days per week, with both the A day and B day students attending on 4 days per week.
4. The following will apply to elementary, middle and high school students:
 - a. If parents of **fully virtual students** would like to consider moving their students to the 4-day per week model, we will ask them to remain virtual for at least another 2 weeks, until we determine the impact on the community spread within the schools without the ability to fully social distance.
 - b. If parents of hybrid students want to move their student to the fully virtual model, rather than transition back to 4 days per week, that will be allowable.
 - c. Students and Employees will wear masks at all times not able to maintain at least 6 feet of social distance.

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- d. Start time will remain the same, or be slightly adjusted, as bus routes will need to be expanded to transport the increased student population.*
- e. After the winter holidays and based on current disease activity in the county and within the schools, we will determine when to transition the fully virtual students back to face-to-face instruction 4-days per week.*

If, for 2 consecutive weeks, the Two-Week Incident Rate per 100,000 people remains below 200 cases **and** the percent positive remain below 10%, as reported by S.C. DHEC in their weekly report, *Recent Disease Activity, by County*, then the Lancaster County School District will begin the process to transition to a less restrictive model.

At that time, the district will announce a date for a return of hybrid students to 4-days per week face-to-face instruction.

Summary

If the metrics on the next 2 weekly reports from SC DHEC remain consistent with these targeted measures, then the students who have selected the hybrid model will return to school 4 days per week at the beginning of that fourth week. Students on the fully virtual model would continue on the virtual model.

- Over the 2-week period, prior to returning to a 4-day per week schedule for the hybrid students, the district would continue to monitor the statistics as reported on the SC DHEC report, *Recent Disease Activity, by County*.
 - If the number on these targeted metrics exceeded the ranges listed above (Incident ≥ 200 and % positive $>10\%$) and demonstrate a significant increase rather than maintaining at this lower level, then the decision to return to 4-days per week for hybrid students **MAY** be re-evaluated or paused until both metrics return to the medium range.
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When would the district transition to a more restrictive model (hybrid or fully virtual) model?

The district will continue to monitor the statistics, as published weekly by DHEC, to review the Two-Week Incident Rate per 100,000, Trend in Incident Rate, and the Two-Week Percent Positive Rate, to determine the need to revert to a more restrictive model, including a hybrid and fully virtual models. Guidance from state officials, including SC DHEC and the SC SDE, would be consulted on appropriate steps if numbers should again increase to a significantly above the benchmarks for “high” in each category.

In addition, the number of positive cases and close contacts within a school/district will continue to be used as a measure to determine when to quarantine individuals, classrooms and/or schools for 2 or more weeks.

OPTION A

1. The statistics from DHEC are at medium or less for two weeks in a row.

- Two-Week Incident Rate < 200
- Two-Week Trend in Incident Rate = Stable or Decreasing
- Two-Week Percent Positive < 10%

Then...

2. The 3 indicators remain stable at medium or less for 2 weeks.

Then...

3. In 2 weeks, elementary school A/B students return 4 days per week.

Then...

4. In 1 more week, middle school A/B students return 4 days per week.

Then...

5. after winter break, all A/B students return 4 days per week.

*****The district will work with fully virtual parents to have their students return, if the parent selects to have them return to face-to-face instruction. This process may be delayed as logistics are arranged to accommodate the increased enrollment.***



October 5, 2020

PLEXIGLASS USE IN SCHOOLS

Consistent with its existing policy, DHEC is providing further information regarding use of plexiglass barriers between students. As noted in the *COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions for School Officials* from August 14, 2020, appropriate plexiglass use, combined with other measures, allows for shorter distances for social distancing.

In scenarios in which students are seated closer apart than six feet, the students would not be considered close contacts when:

1. appropriate plexiglass is utilized, and
2. distance between students is at least three feet apart, and
3. the students are wearing cloth face coverings or face masks that cover the nose and mouth (the plexiglass does not serve as a substitute to mask-wearing).

Plexiglass is considered appropriately sized and utilized if it surrounds three sides (the front and two sides) of the edges of the student's desk and extends at least a foot above each child's head when seated at the desk and at least a foot beyond the end of the desk on either side. There may be acceptable other configurations, as determined on an individual basis by DHEC.



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OPTION B

The Lancaster County School District will follow the guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC), local officials, as well as the SC Department of Education (SC SDE), as we make decisions about the reopening of school and to address educational needs while providing the recommended safety precautions.

When would the district transition to a less restrictive model (fully face-to-face) model?

If the Lancaster County School District was able to procure plexiglass shields that met DHEC requirements, then the district would be able to transition to a less restrictive model. The SC SDE has committed to purchasing plexiglass shields for our classrooms to allow us to reduce social distances significantly while still maintaining an acceptable level of safety for our students and staff.

Once plexiglass shields arrive and are installed then:

1. The **hybrid elementary** students will transition to 4 days per week, with both the A day and B day students attending on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
2. The district will provide a two-week notice of this date.
3. One week after the elementary hybrid students return, **hybrid middle school** students will transition to 4 days per week, with both the A day and B day students attending on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
4. Beginning after winter break, **hybrid high school** students will transition to 4 days per week, with both the A day and B day students attending on 4 days per week.

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5. *The following will apply to elementary, middle and high school students:*
- a. *If parents of **fully virtual students** would like to consider moving their students to the 4-day per week model, we will ask them to remain virtual as we work out the logistics and we determine the impact on the schedules and the community spread within the school.*
 - b. *If parents of hybrid students want to move their student to the fully virtual model, rather than transition back to 4 days per week, that will be allowable.*
 - c. ***Students and employees will wear masks at all times, as required by SC DHEC, with the use of plexiglass shields.***
 - d. *Start time will remain the same, or be slightly adjusted, as bus routes will need to be expanded to transport the increased student population.*
 - e. *After the winter holidays and based on current disease activity in the county and within the schools, we will determine when to transition the fully virtual students back to face-to-face instruction.*

When would the district transition to a more restrictive model (hybrid or fully virtual) model?

The district will continue to monitor the statistics, as published weekly by DHEC, to review the Two-Week Incident Rate per 100,000, Trend in Incident Rate, and the Two-Week Percent Positive Rate, to determine the need to revert to a more restrictive model, including a hybrid and fully virtual models. Guidance from state officials, including SC DHEC and the SC SDE, would be consulted on appropriate steps if numbers should again increase to a significantly above the benchmarks for “high” in each category.

In addition, the number of positive cases and close contacts within a school/district will continue to be used as a measure to determine

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when to quarantine individuals, classrooms and/or schools for 2 or more weeks.

OPTION B

1. Plexiglass shields arrive and are installed in classrooms across the district, beginning with elementary schools. *

Then...

2. In 2 weeks, elementary school A/B students return 4 days per week.

Then...

3. In 1 more week, middle school A/B students return 4 days per week.

Then...

4. after winter break, all A/B students return 4 days per week.

*The timeline for delivery and installation are dependent upon on the SC SDE process.

***The district will work with fully virtual parents to have their students return, if the parent selects to have them return to face-to-face instruction. This process may be delayed as logistics are arranged to accommodate the increased enrollment.*

Recent Disease Activity, by County

As of 10.15.2020



[CDC recommends](#) that all decisions about implementing school-based strategies should be made locally, in collaboration with local health officials who can help determine the level of transmission in the community. DHEC is providing this county-level data about disease transmission to support decision-making at the local level. It is not meant to be a stand-alone document.

Metrics and Categorizations:

- **Two - week Incidence Rate:** the number of new cases in the prior two weeks (October 1 – October 14, 2020) per 100,000 people. This metric provides the recent incidence of COVID-19 infections in that county. Categorization (# cases/100,000 people):
 - **Low: 0 – 50**
 - **Medium: 51 – 200**
 - **High: ≥ 201**
- **Trend in Incidence Rate:** whether the two-week incidence rate is increasing, decreasing, or stable compared to the previous two weeks. For purposes of this assessment, consider the trends to be equivalent to:
 - **Decreasing by at least 10% = Low**
 - **Stable = Medium**
 - **Increasing by at least 10% = High**
- **Two-Week Percent Positive Rate:** the percentage of individuals who tested positive out of the number of individuals tested with a molecular (swab, or PCR) test in the last two weeks for each county. The metric takes into consideration the number of tests performed for residents of the county in the previous two weeks. Categorization:
 - **Low: $\leq 5.0\%$**
 - **Medium: 5.1% - 9.9%**
 - **High: $\geq 10.0\%$**

Recent Disease Activity, by County

As of 10.15.2020



How to Calculate the Disease Activity for your County:

- I. Locate your county on the following table and read across for each of the three categories listed: incidence rate, trend in incidence rate, and percent positive.

1) Example: Greenville County

- 1) Incidence Rate = High
- 2) Trend in Incidence Rate = High
- 3) Percent Positive Rate = High

- II. If the rates are the same in each of the three categories, as they are in the example of Greenville County, then the overall disease assessment is as it appears

1) Example: Greenville County = High

- III. If the rates are not the same in each category, take the average of them.

1) Example: Clarendon County:

- 1) Incidence Rate = Medium
- 2) Trend in Incidence Rate = Low
- 3) Percent Positive Rate = Low
 - 1) There is one metric that is Medium and two that are Low, so the disease activity level overall is Low

2) Example: Laurens County:

- 1) Incidence Rate = Medium
- 2) Trend in Incidence Rate = Low
- 3) Percent Positive Rate = High.
 - 1) There is one metric that is High, one that is Medium, and one that is Low; so the disease activity level overall is Medium.