



Superintendent's Report

November 25, 2020



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Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts Form



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“Comply” and “Enforce” Updated Order

- Attestation must be signed by the superintendent and the school board president and submitted no later that ***Monday, November 30th by 5:00pm.***
- As a part of the “New Order,” the COVID-19 school closure recommendations were updated. With Option 1 – We would have to **“Comply”** and **“Enforce”** the new updated orders.



New School Closure Recommendations

For Schools < 500

Level of Community Transmission	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:
	2-4 students/staff in same school building	5+ students/staff in same school building
Substantial	Close school(s) for 3-7 days	Close school(s) for 14 days



New School Closure Recommendations

For Schools 500 – 900 students

Level of Community Transmission	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:
	4-6 students/staff in same school building	7+ students/staff in same school building
Substantial	Close school(s) for 3-5 days	Close school(s) for 14 days



New School Closure Recommendations

For Schools > 900 students

Level of Community Transmission	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:
	6-10 students/staff in same school building	11+ students/staff in same school building
Substantial	Close school(s) for 3-5 days	Close school(s) for 14 days



Attestation Option 1

- High likelihood school closures for next week:
 - **Norwin High School** – 14 day closure
 - currently 10 active cases
 - **Norwin Middle School** – 3 to 7 day closure
 - currently 4 active cases
 - **Sheridan Terrace and Stewartsville** – 3 to 5 day closure
 - Currently 3 active cases in each school



Attestation Option 2



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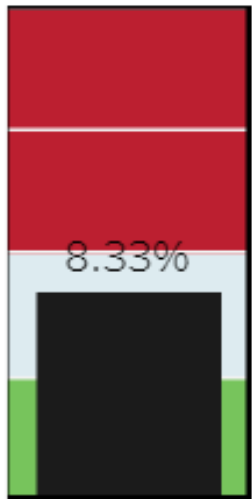
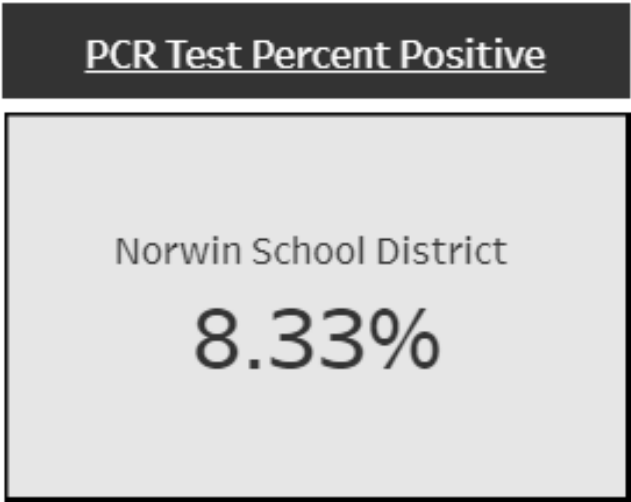
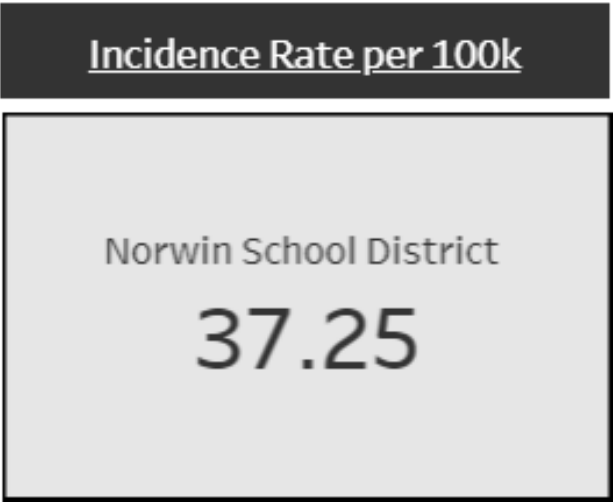
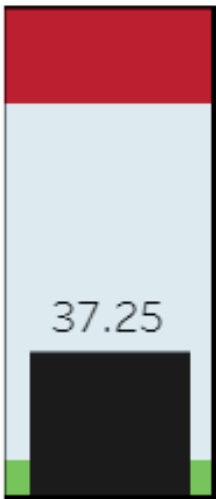


Why Option #2 for Next Week?

- Student and Employee Safety
- Decreases the chances of in school transmission
- Decreases the chances of mandatory school closures
- Allows the District four student days to conduct pilots of synchronous learning
- Our intention is to resubmit our Attestation form next Friday in order to transition to Hybrid with synchronous learning starting Monday, December 7th.



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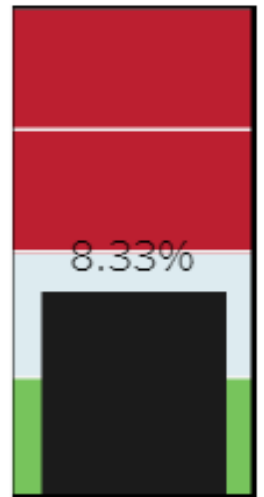


Incidence Rate per 100k

Norwin School District
37.25

PCR Test Percent Positive

Norwin School District
8.33%



Today



Incidence Rate per 100k

Norwin School District
260.78

PCR Test Percent Positive

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21.28%





Public Safety Alert at 4:31pm Today

EMERGENCY ALERTS

Public Safety Alert

In PA, COVID-19 rates are rising & hospitals could soon be at capacity. Stay home if possible. If you must go out, maintain social distance, wear a mask, wash your hands for 20 seconds. Stay up to date on the spread of COVID in your community so you can protect your loved ones with the COVID Alert PA app.



How Can Other School Districts Stay Open Next Week and Norwin Can't?

- The overwhelming majority of Southwestern Pennsylvania school districts are transitioning to remote learning for next week as well.
- This is NOT just a Norwin issue.



Who is Also Transitioning to Remote Next Week?

- Penn-Trafford
- Hempfield
- Franklin Regional
- Ligonier Valley
- New Kensington-Arnold
- Southmoreland
- Belle Vernon
- Monessen
- Jeannette City
- Yough
- Seneca Valley
- Quaker Valley
- North Hills
- Mt. Lebanon



Superintendent's Recommendation

- I recommend submitting **Option #2 of the Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts** form before Monday, November 30th with the intention of resubmitting it on Friday, December 4th in order to transition back to a hybrid operational model with synchronous instruction beginning on Monday, December 7th.



Board Member Questions or Comments

