

Incident Response Team Updates and Requests

Jan 7, 2020



Updates to Safe School Plan



Updates to the Safe Learning Plan

“The Safe Learning Plan has been updated so that starting on January 18th, 2021, every elementary school across the state **may choose** to operate in-person learning model as long as they are able to implement all updated health and safety measures.”

Additional Required Mitigations

- Making on-site COVID-19 testing available every two weeks for teachers and staff
- Requiring masks for students at all times indoors (except while eating), including during indoor physical education (PE) and recess.
- Requiring that students maintain a three-foot distance
- Strongly recommending staff to wear both masks and face shields at all times while working in-person with students, while maintaining a six-foot distance from students and other adults.
- Requiring that students remain in their classroom for specialists and lunch

Districts Returning to 100% In Person for ES

Public School Districts	Start Date
St Paul Public Schools	Feb 1
Anoka-Hennepin Public Schools	Jan 19
Roseville Public Schools	Jan 26
Eden Prairie Public Schools	Jan 6
South Washington Public Schools	Jan 19th
North St Paul Public Schools	Jan 25
Wayzata Public Schools	Jan 19
St Louis Park Public Schools	Jan 21
White Bear Lake Public	Jan 19
Robbinsdale Public Schools	Jan 19
Hopkins Public Schools	Jan 19

TCGIS's Transition Plan



Focus of Our Transition Plan

Throughout the school year, TCGIS anticipates transitioning between models, as necessary, to closely adhere to the following Safe Learning Goals from the Minnesota Department of Education:

1. Prioritize the safety of students and staff.
2. Prioritize in-person learning, especially for younger learners.
3. Consider infectiousness and transmission risk among different ages.
4. Support planning, while permitting flexibility for districts.
5. Take into account disease prevalence at a local level.

Considerations from Transition Plan

TCGIS's Incident Response Team will consider the following factors in determining any potential transition:

- The number of positive COVID-19 cases per 10,000 residents in Ramsey and Hennepin County. We will also consider numbers in Anoka, Washington, and Dakota counties. [Data for K-12 Schools](#).
- Consultation with local and state public health officials through our Regional Support Team on the transmission of COVID-19.
- Observations on the health and safety experiences of other local and national public school reopenings.
- Our capability to adequately serve students who choose distance learning and hybrid learning models.
- Feedback from Staff Council, Student Council, Parent Council and Union Leadership.

Current Data for K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 Case Rate by County



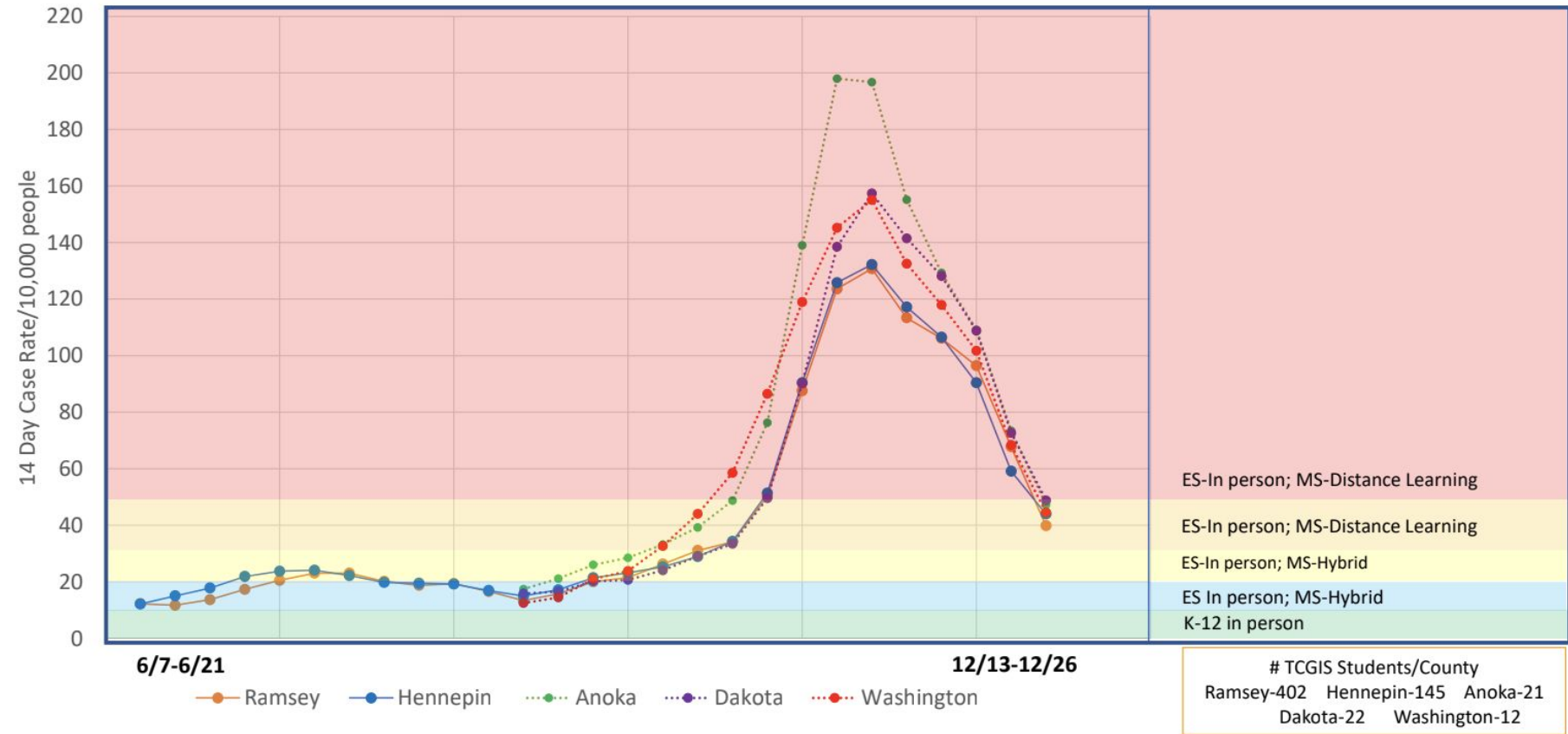
Current County Data (Released 1/7/2020)

County	14-day case rate per 10,000 residents		
	11/22-12/5	12/6-12/19	12/13-12/26
Hennepin	90.51	59.30	39.81
Ramsey	96.42	67.85	43.97
Anoka	108.97	73.40	47.23
Washington	102.16	68.69	44.49
Dakota	109.11	72.69	48.78

COVID Case Rates as one Factor for School Delivery Mode (Data available 1/7/21)

14 Day COVID-19 Case Rates for TCGIS Counties
June 7, 2020-January 7, 2021

MDE, MDH Guidance




Staff and Family Surveys




Survey Details

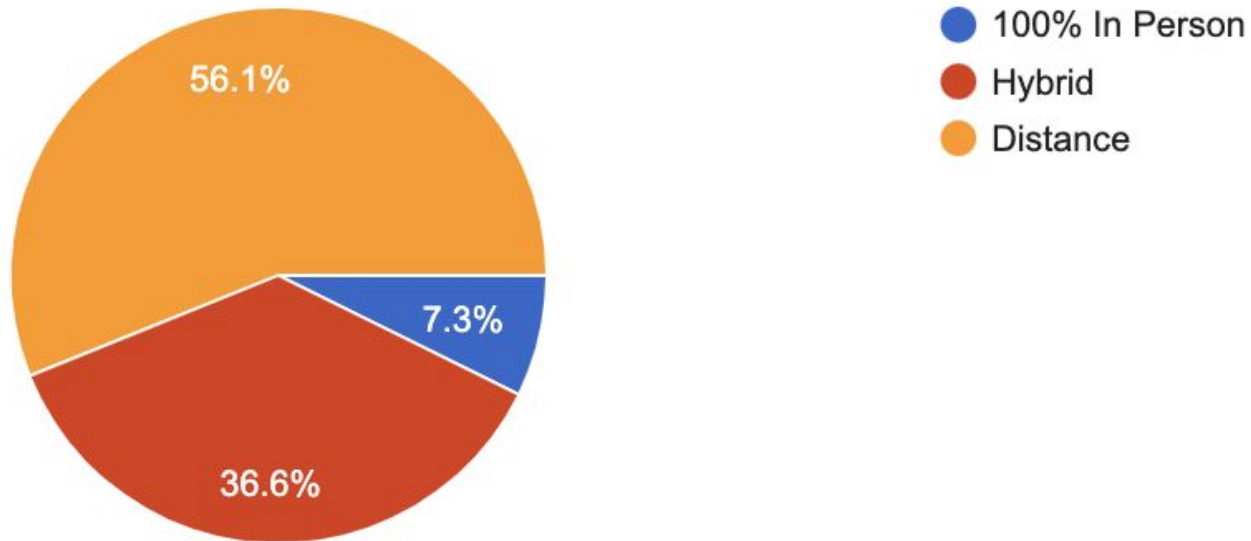
- Sent on Monday, January 4th 2021
- Total Staff Respondents: 65
- Total Family Respondents: 415



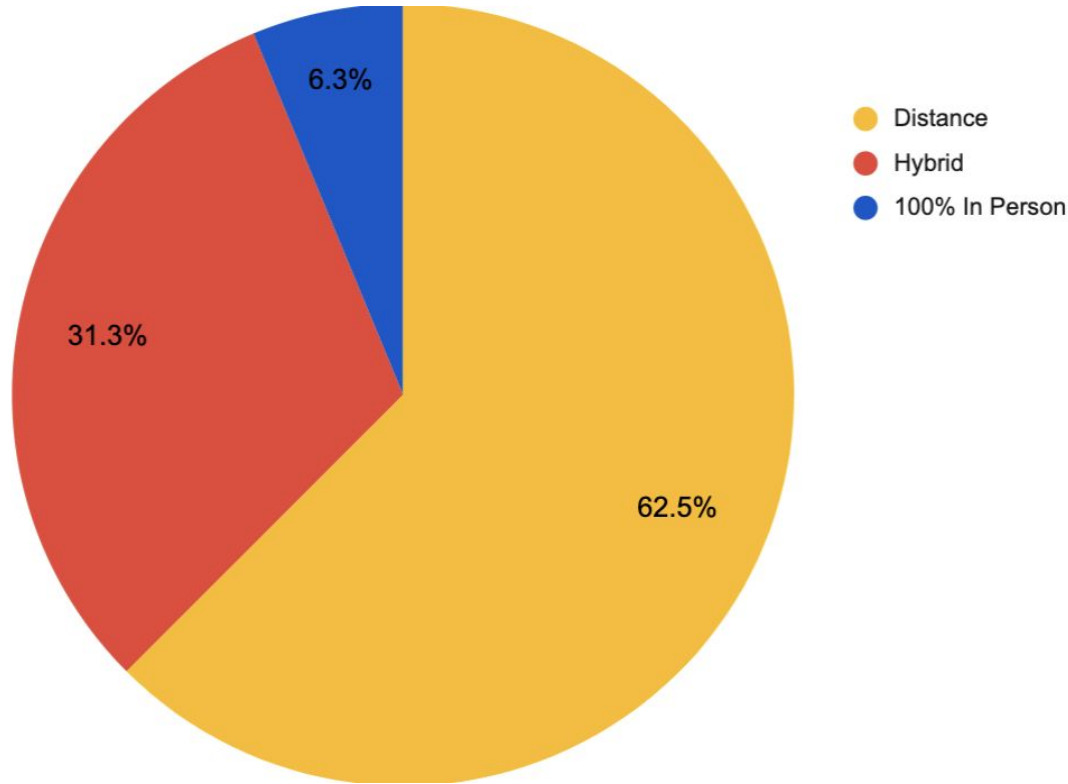
ES TEACHERS: After understanding the Safe Learning Plan updates, the additional mitigation techniques, and the decreasing statewide Covid-19 case numbers, I would prefer the following learning model for our students in February




All Staff




Elementary Teachers Who Taught Hybrid in Fall

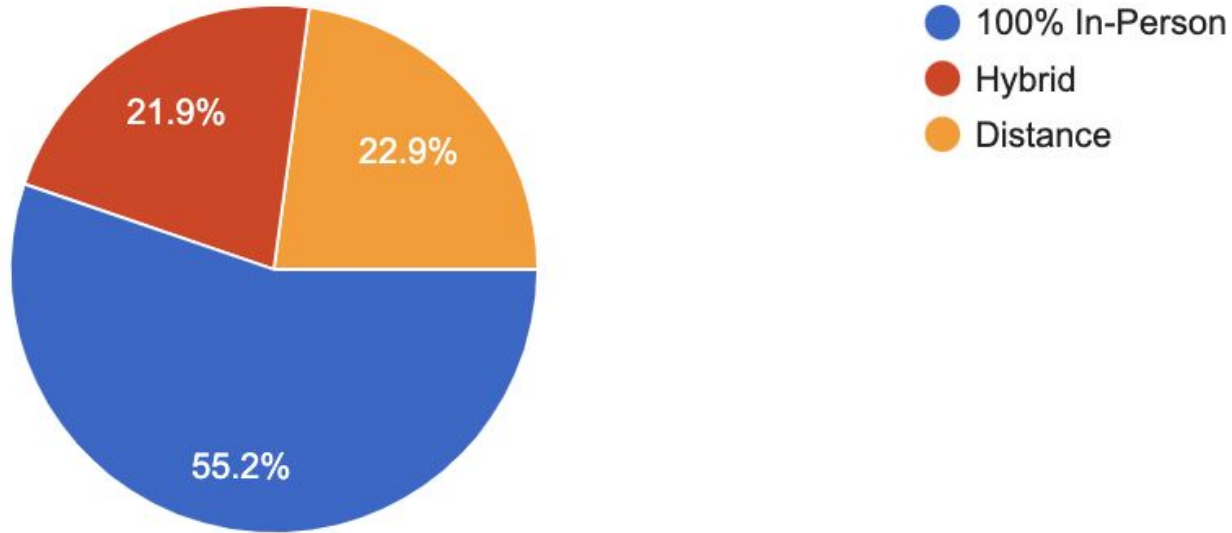





ES Families Only: After understanding the Safe Learning Plan updates, the additional mitigation techniques, and the decreasing statewide Covid-19 case numbers we would prefer the following learning model for our students:




Elementary Families

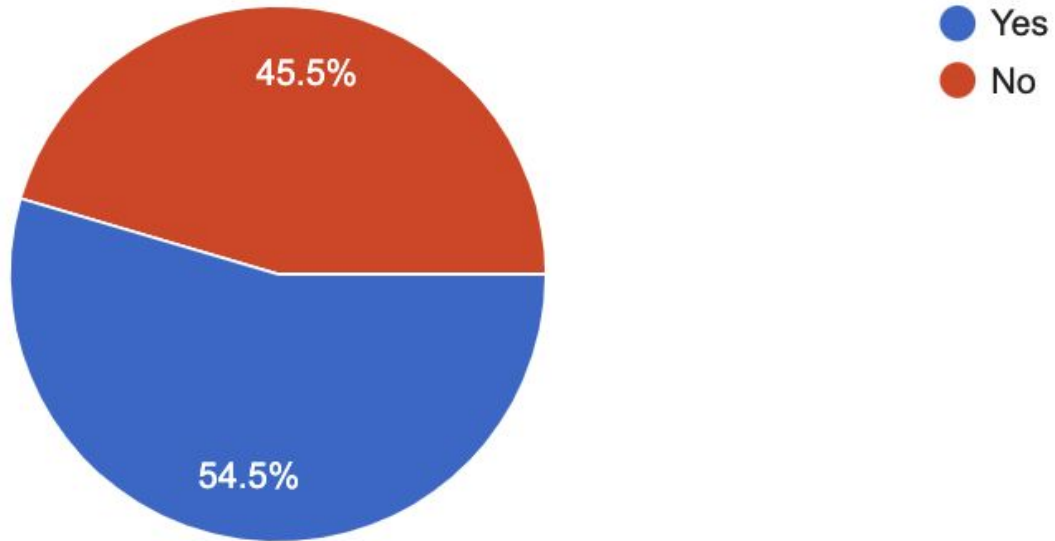





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Middle School Teachers

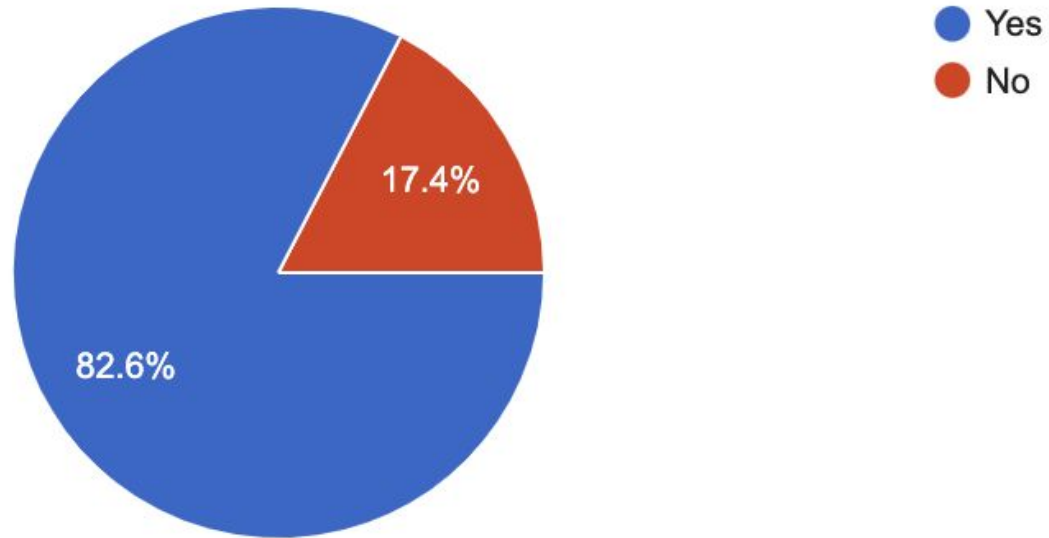




MS Families: Our family supports more closely following MDE's Recommendations for MS Hybrid Weeks if the 14-day Case Rate of Covid-19 is less than 30 per 10,000 residents.



Middle School Families



Comments from Surveys

Staff Comments:

“My first choice would be to work with students in-person. I believe masks are a very powerful prevention tool when worn properly.”

“I was deeply disappointed to read Gov. Walz's updated guidelines, as they seem to undercut the concerns that school staff generally feel toward their safety and gives parents a chance to pressure schools to be in person when the virus is still spreading rampantly through communities. With that said, thank you for continuing to keep staff concerns in mind as you make the February decision.”

Family Comments:

“It is imperative that ES goes back in-person, for the students mental health and per Gov. Walz's recommendation.”

“We strongly support in-person with these additional mitigation strategies and appreciate the effort the TCGIS admin, staff, and faculty have shown during these unprecedented times.”

“Please do not move to in person learning when case rates are still incredibly high and new strains are not understood. This move would be irresponsible to the larger community. “