

Thresholds

In order to proceed with re-opening, we must meet the thresholds indicated for all of the community spread indicators below. GLOBE has chosen to consider these indicators as a set because, together, they provide a more complete picture of local pandemic conditions than would any single indicator on its own.

INDICATORS OF COMMUNITY SPREAD	RE-OPENING THRESHOLD	RATIONALE
New cases/100,000 over the last 14 days	<175/100,000	Although this indicator suggests the highest risk of transmission, we believe that, with the mitigation strategies we have developed, we can limit transmission within our community.
Percent of RT-PCR tests that are positive during the last 14 days	<9%	Although this indicator suggests a moderate risk of transmission, we believe that, with the mitigation strategies we have developed, we can limit transmission within our community.
Percent increase in cases over 7 days	<8%	Although this indicator suggests the highest risk of transmission, we believe that, with the mitigation strategies we have developed, we can limit transmission within our community.
Percent of hospital inpatient beds and/or ICU beds in use	<89%	This indicator is a marker of both disease severity and the pandemic's impact on the community at large. If local hospital beds reach 90% capacity, GLOBE will not reopen, to limit our potential impact on community spread.
Existence of localized COVID-19 outbreak	No localized outbreak	If there is a localized outbreak in an area of DeKalb County (e.g., across a specific city or zip code), school will not open. We will rely on the CDC and Georgia Department of Health to identify such outbreaks.

These indicators and thresholds are based on [recommendations](#) from the CDC.