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Good morning,

This message is a follow up to your virtual meeting(s) with the Department of Education (PDE) to discuss county level community transmission of COVID-19 and how it relates to instructional model recommendations for PreK – 12 schools. As a reminder, all information on the state recommended instructional models and level of community transmission is available on PDE's website [here](#).

Below is an overview of your county data, updated on November 20, 2020. The public health metrics below are accessible on the interactive [COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard](#), which is updated every Friday.

- For the week ending November 20, 2020 Delaware County is in the substantial level of community transmission. This is the 4th week that Delaware County is in the substantial level.
- The county Incidence Rate per 100,000 Residents (Most Recent 7 Days) is 311.8 and the PCR Percent Positivity (Most Recent 7 Days) is 10.8%.
- The incidence rate per 100,000 residents increased from the previous 7 day reporting period to the most recent 7 day reporting period.
- The PCR percent positivity increased from the previous 7 day reporting period to the most recent 7 day reporting period.

More information and public health data to inform local decision making, including zip code level case data, is available on the [Pennsylvania COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

Based on this continued level of transmission, PDE and DOH recommendations remain the same as last week which is for full remote learning until the community transmission

rates return to moderate. As these are recommendations, not a mandate, each LEA should continue to review their data and make the best decisions for their students, staff and community. For research and further information on instructional models, visit the [PDE website](#).

Please also watch for additional information coming out this afternoon regarding mitigation strategies for schools in Substantial counties. Important next steps for your schools and districts will be a part of that communication.

Continue to work and coordinate with your county or municipal health department (CMHD) if your school district is within their jurisdiction. Additionally, if you have questions, please reach out to your IU director, Dr. Maria Edelberg, who can share your concerns/questions with the PDE and DOH contacts.

Thank you for your continued support to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in your county.

Sent on behalf of Deputy Secretary Matt Stem, Peter Blank (DOH policy director), and the PDE and DOH response team.

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