



# COVID-19 Update

NCSD Board of Directors Special Meeting  
Thursday, November 12, 2020

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# Current County Data (as 8 am on 11/12/2020)



Warren County 14 Day Average Positivity Rate - [18%](#)

Total Warren County Positive Cases - 1,919

Total Warren County Deaths - 9

Daily Warren County Increase in Cases - 70

Polk County 14 Day Average  
Positivity Rate - [19%](#)

## [Warren County Zip Code Data -](#)

Norwalk (50211) - 14 Day % Positive - 23%; Cumming - 16.7%

14 Day Average Cases Per 100,000 - 85

Average Cases Per 100,000 since 8/7/2020 - 27

# Current County Data (as 8 am on 11/12/2020)

Positivity Rate last 14 days - Average Increase of .63% Per Day

11/12 - 18%

11/11 - 17.2%

11/10 - 16.4%

11/9 - 15.3%

11/8 - 14.2%

11/7 - 13.8%

11/6 - 12.8%

11/5 - 12.7%

11/4 - 12.3%

11/3 - 11.8%

11/2 - 11.6%

11/1 - 11.1%

10/31 - 10.2%

10/30 - 9.6%



# Current District Data

Students Positive - 24 (up from 9 on Monday)

Students in Quarantine - 206 (up from 147 on Monday)

Students Being Monitored due to Close Contact - 128

Average Student District Attendance Rate - 96.94%

One Preschool Room at Oviatt is Closed due to COVID-19 and Staff Coverage

Staff Members are Fatigued

Staff Members Positive - 8

Staff Members in Quarantine - 9

Average Staff Attendance Rate - 91.93%

Average Staff Coverage Rate - 69.71%

\*This percentage reflects certified staff and paraeducator staff. It does not include other support staff such as custodians or bus drivers

Coverage Rates for the Past 5 Days -

11/12/2020 - 53.9%

11/11/2020 - 100% (Staff Work Day - No School for Students)

11/10/2020 - 51.7%

11/9/2020 - 42.9%

11/5/2020 - 90% (No School PK-5)

November fill rate for 9 Month Classified Employees is 13%

District had 11 open positions (no subs) this morning





# Current District Data

## Paraeducator Fill Rates

August 2019	60%
August 2020	43%
September 2019	59%
September 2020	18%
October 2019	41%
October 2020	12%
November 2019	48%
November 2020	13%
<b>2019 Average (through Nov)</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>2020 Average (through Nov)</b>	<b>22%</b>

# Current District Data - DE/IDPH Student Illness Absence Rate

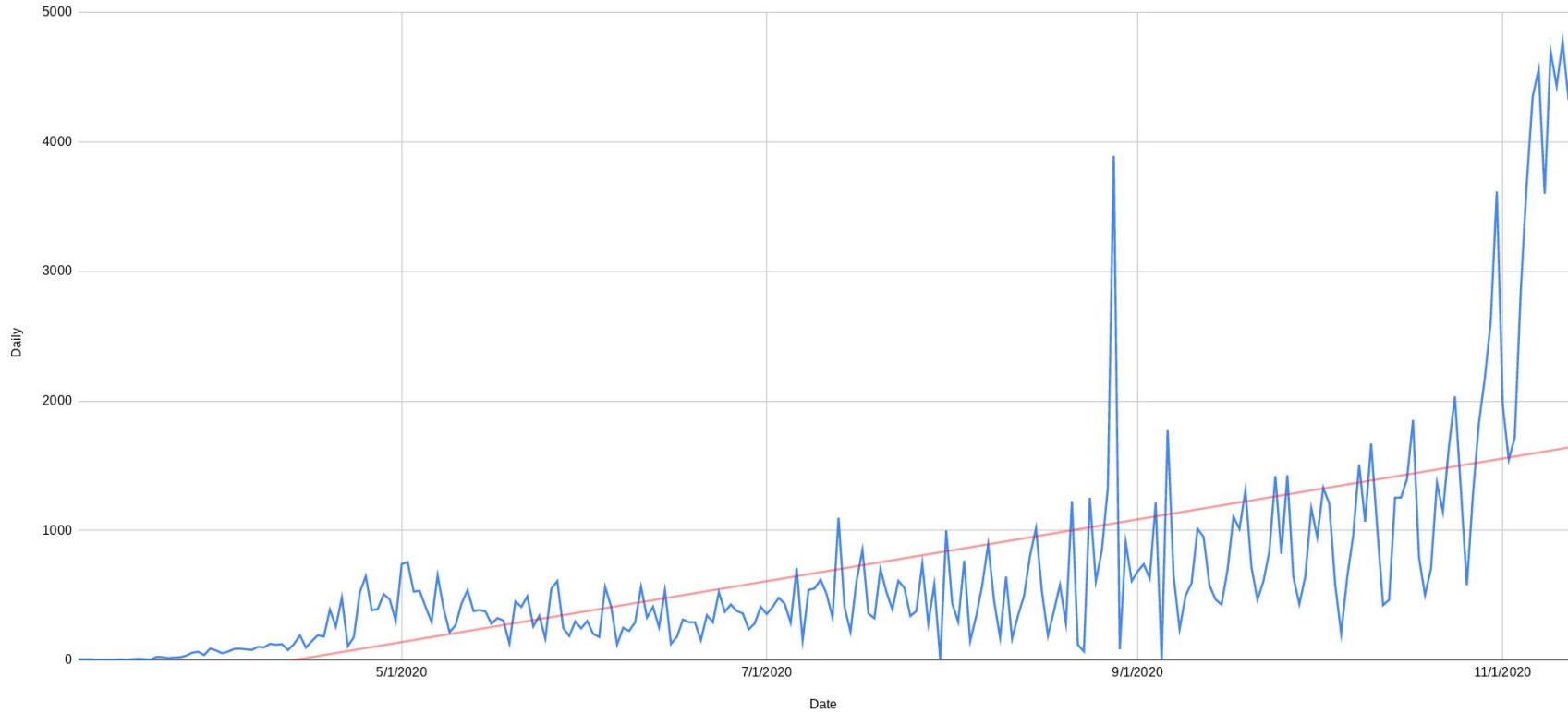


11/12/2020	2.84%
11/11/2020	NA
11/10/2020	2.78%
11/9/2020	3.61%
11/6/2020	NA
11/5/2020	2.46%
11/4/2020	1.47%
11/3/2020	1.64%
11/2/2020	2.78%
10/30/2020	1.63%
10/29/2020	2.13%
10/28/2020	1.64%
10/27/2020	2.45%
10/26/2020	2.78%

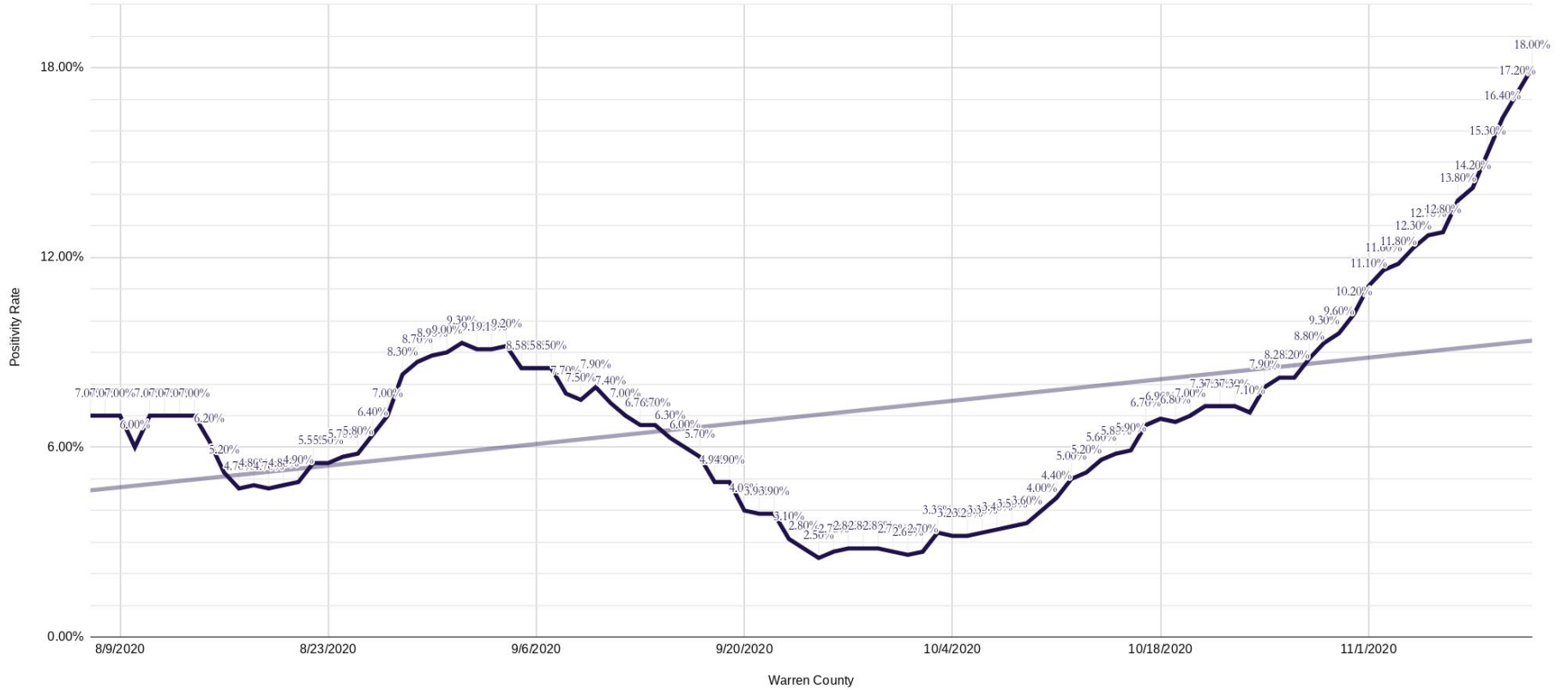
# State Data



Iowa Daily COVID-19 Infections - \*IDPH is Source



# Warren County Positivity Rate







# Local Hospital Data

“Hospital and ICU occupancy remain at critical levels locally and across the state. Our rural markets are often forced to transfer patients they cannot handle. Case counts are high. There will be a slight dip with all Test Iowa sites being closed on Veterans Day.”

Dr. Patricia Newland  
Family Medicine - UnityPoint Health  
NCSD Parent and Resident



# Return to Learn Matrix

Community Transmission	Suggested Strategies	Return-to-Learn Model(s)
<p><b>Tier 3</b>  <b>Substantial Controlled</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15-20% positivity in a county on average over the past 14 days AND 10% absenteeism among students expected for in-person learning; or</li> <li>inadequate staff coverage available as defined by the Superintendent or Designee</li> </ul> <p>* Healthcare resources remain stable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue above strategies</li> <li>Consider regular health checks for any on-site students/staff if feasible</li> <li>Cancel school events/gatherings</li> <li>Close communal spaces (e.g., cafeterias, media centers)</li> </ul>	<p>Hybrid (Purple/Gold) Learning as necessary based on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Decision</li> <li>Parent or guardian preference (parents may choose in-person learning or Required Remote Learning by ~Aug. 1, 2020)</li> <li>Student quarantine</li> <li>Student and staff absences</li> <li>Staff availability</li> </ul> <p>Temporary Continuous/Remote Learning for an entire school building or district for up to 14 days may be requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please contact the Department of Education by submitting your information via the CASA system.</li> <li>Only the Departments of Education and Public Health can make the determination and provide temporary authorization to move to 100% online or remote learning.</li> </ul>



# Return to Learn Matrix

Community Transmission	Suggested Strategies	Return-to-Learn Model(s)
<p><b>Tier 4</b>  <b>Substantial Uncontrolled</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;20% positivity in a county on average over the past 14 days with healthcare resource capacity concerns; or</li> <li>• Student and Staff absence rate at 10% or more (building or district).</li> <li>• Inadequate staff coverage available as defined by the Superintendent or Designee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State and local education and public health officials should work closely together to make decisions on school operations.</li> </ul>	<p>Temporary Continuous/Remote Learning for an entire school building or district for up to 14 days may be requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please contact the Department of Education by submitting your information via the CASA system.</li> <li>• Only the Departments of</li> <li>• Education and Public Health can make this determination and provide temporary authorization to move to 100% online or remote learning.</li> </ul>



# New Hybrid Option

Add a hybrid option to the Norwalk CSD Return to Learn plan which alternates between being fully in-person and fully remote

Proposed language:

- **Return with Blended (Hybrid) Model** a mixture of in-person and remote learning options will be available for all students
  - **Alternating Day Model:** A reduction in class sizes will require students to attend fewer days per week for in-person instruction. The district will employ an alternating day hybrid model where one group of students attends school on “Purple Cohort” days and one group of students attends school on “Gold Cohort” days. District staff members will make every effort to assign students in the same household to the same cohort. Students with special needs (IEPS, 504 plans, ELL, and at-risk students), may be given permission to continue to attend daily if educators, staff and parents determine in-person support is needed and appropriate.
  - **Fully In-Person/Fully Online Model:** Due to COVID-19 mitigation measures, the district may have all students alternate between in-person learning and remote learning. The in-person learning will occur for a minimum of 50% of the time over a two week period.

\*These learning models can occur at the classroom level, grade level, building level, and district level.