

# Superintendent Reports

**January 5, 2021** 

The information in this presentation will be updated on January 5, 2021 with the most recent information available.

### **Topics**

 Denver Area School Superintendents Council (DASSC) Update

- First Semester Overview of High School Student Performance
  - High School Grading
  - Mask Types

### Denver Area School Superintendents Council (DASSC)

- Majority of school districts are returning in person PK-Elementary in January
  - Area school districts:
    - Some elementary starting January 5 or later
    - Some middle and high schools starting as early as January 11
  - Governor Vaccinations Update
  - DCSD
    - PK-Elem in person and Identified students and specialty programs
    - monitor and look at return of middle and high schools
    - Potential end of January return for middle and high schools Hybrid
      - Schools able to remain in person, less transitions and consistency
      - Health data remains 600 or under over next three (3) weeks



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- DCSD Vaccinations
  - We have a plan for all our our employees to get vaccinated.
    - Our Nurses, special populations staff and teachers, specialty schools, and center based schools and programs are being vaccinated as early as this week.
    - Teachers and student based staff could be vaccinated as early as this week and next week
    - We are working with Centura, Health One, Kaiser, Covid Check Colorado and others to provide access to all of our employees to get vaccinated.
    - Hope to have teachers and staff vaccinated by spring break and are working with State, Governor, local health with their processes.



### Denver Area School Superintendents Council (DASSC)

### DCSD COVID Testing

- Today we received information to access at home COVID Testing for teachers, staff and students. We will coordinate with CDPHE, CDE and our schools, staff and families as this starts.
- First month is paid by the State and we will determine if we choose to continue this based on accuracy, impact and timeliness with process and results

A. Case Rates: 14-day case number per 100,000 population	385.74
B. <u>Trend in case numbers per 100,000 in the past two weeks</u>	-6.5%
C. Percent positivity on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing in the past two weeks	6.33%
D. Trend in number of hospitalizations of persons with COVID-19 in the past two weeks	-53.4%
E. Trend in case rates (number per 100,000) in the past two weeks for school-age children (5-18)	-38.5%

Data as of 1/3/21

We will continue to monitor our data in January along with our sustainability of PK-Elem full in person to have our operational ability to bring middle and high schools back in person hybrid and we are looking at all options for our middle and high schools in-person models.



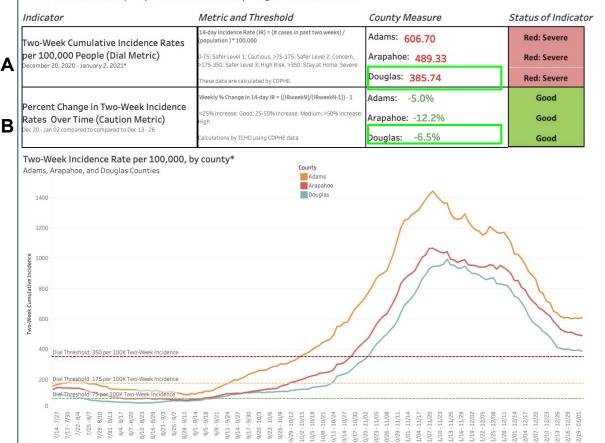
#### Caution Metrics for Schools & Dial Metrics

Caution metrics were developed by the Metro Denver Partnership for Health to guide schools and organizations in decision-making. These measures can be used alongside the Dial Metrics to help community members and organizations understand COVID-19's spread in our counties.

Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties | Updated 1/3/21, 7:30pm | CDPHE Data as of 1/3/21, 4pm

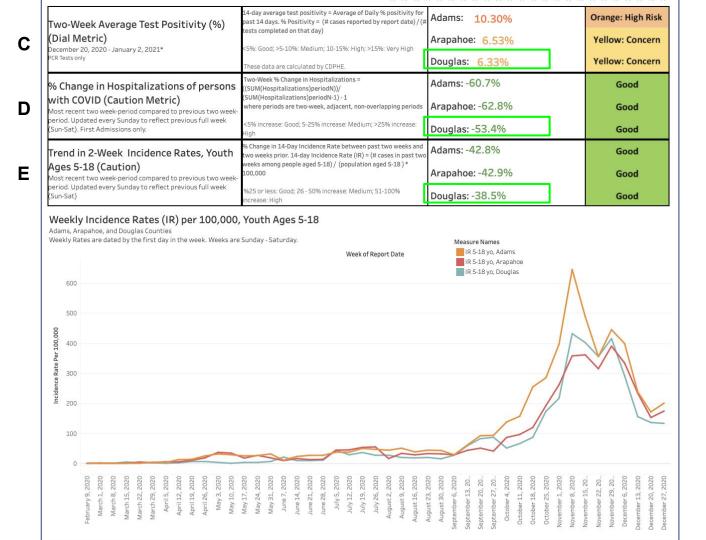
#### Dial Levels

Adams: Red: Severe Risk | Arapahoe: Red: Severe Risk | Douglas: Red: Severe Risk





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First Semester Overview of High School Performance

### First Semester Overview of High School Performance

- Fall 2019 and Fall of 2020 Failure Rate Data
  - Failure rate\* was the main topic at the high school level
    - 2019 11% of students failing one or more classes
    - 2020 15% of students failing one or more classes
- Schools have made adjustments for Spring
  - Schedules and time with teachers
  - Identify students and systems of intervention earlier
  - Support of Professional Learning Communities (PLC) teams
  - Counselors and staff with parents and students



<sup>\*</sup>Percentage of student failing one or more courses

### **Student Engagement in Remote: Secondary Schools**

During January while middle and high schools are remote

- PLC work to coordinate remote instructional strategies and grading strategies and interventions
- Daily check-ins with all students
  - Calls and check-ins with students that are absent
- Weekly care and concern meetings with action plans for students
  - Attendance, Grades, Mental health and social emotional well-being
- Wrap around support from mental health and counselors
  - Prevention and Intervention
  - Student Support Services

## **Face Covering/Mask Types**

### **Masks and Mitigating Factors**

- Principals have discussed reminders and communication about mask wearing and distancing for staff and students
  - Expect schools to practice and maintain mitigation processes
  - Wearing appropriate masks at school and reminders often
- Encourage and make available KN95 masks and face shields for teachers
  - Elementary and for secondary teachers with most impacted groups
  - Delivered to schools that requested through survey
  - Schools can order more and they will be delivered
  - Preparation for middle and high schools is in place for return hybrid