



Northeast School Corporation 2020-2021

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NESC Response to County-color System

Dear NESC Students, Parents and Staff,

On August 26, 2020, Governor Eric Holcomb issued a new, Color-coded Counties: Information for Schools and Local Officials system. This updated color-coded system uses two criteria to score each county: number of new cases in the past week per 100,000 residents and percent positivity as determined by the number of positive tests divided by the total number of tests administered. The change in percent positivity will show as an up or down arrow but will not be reflected in the score. Based on the counties score, a color is assigned to each county. The colors are blue, yellow, orange and red. Each color has a different set of recommendations for schools and local leaders to follow. Counties that are Blue have minimal recommendations or restrictions. Counties that are Red have the most recommendations and/or restrictions. Each week on Wednesday afternoon county scores/colors will be updated. To view the state of Indiana's color-coded system please [click here](#).

NESC will use the County Color-code, state and local guidelines, and the recommendation of the Sullivan County Health Department to make decisions on in-person learning and extracurricular activities. NESC will also use the number of students and staff that are isolated due to a positive test result as well as the number of students and staff that are quarantined due to being a close contact currently in our schools to make a determination on which recommendations we will be following for the coming week/s.

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS: BLUE – Minimal community spread:

- Schools operate all grades in person but limit activities where social distancing is not feasible
- Extra-curricular activities to follow local and state guidelines, including distancing and masks, and limit spectators
- Outreach to encourage public to continue with precautions

NESC Response to being a BLUE county

Instruction – continue as the year started with current guidelines & procedures

- PK-6 will have a normal week of in-school instruction
- All 7-12 students will follow their normal schedule of in-school instruction

Extra-curricular Activities

- Competitions/Games will be played with current procedures: 250 spectators (football-250 each side, basketball 250 total), masking and social distancing

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Yellow: Moderate community spread:

- *Schools continue all grades in person but increase vigilance in distancing, hand hygiene and masks*
- *No assemblies or activities if social distancing is not feasible*
- *Postpone or cancel extra-curricular activities as warranted, consider allowing only parents or close family to attend athletic and other events*
 - *Work with local health department to determine if increased precautions and public outreach should begin to halt the spread*

NESC Response to being a YELLOW county

Instruction – continue as the year started with current guidelines & procedures

- PK-6 will have a normal week of in-school instruction
- All 7-12 students will follow their normal schedule of in-school instruction

Extra-curricular Activities

- Competitions/Games will be played with current procedures: 250 spectators (football-250 each side, basketball 125 total), masking and social distancing

We believe that the current NESC policies and procedures meet or exceed all the Governor's recommendations for the Blue and Yellow levels. Sullivan County is currently Orange. This means that schools are recommended to:

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS: ORANGE - Moderate to high community spread

- *Grade schools continue in-person; strong recommendation for hybrid learning for middle and high school students*
- *No assemblies or large group activities*
- *Strong recommendation to limit extra-curricular activities and have competitors and participants only, with no in-person attendees*
- *Discussions with parents about limiting social events outside of school*
- *County education leaders work with local health department to consider implementing aggressive prevention efforts in schools and communities*

NESC Response to being an **ORANGE county (with minimal to moderate spread in our schools)**

Instruction – continue as the year started with current guidelines & procedures

- PK-6 will have a normal week of in-school instruction
- All 7-12 students will follow their normal schedule of in-school instruction

Extra-curricular Activities

- Competitions/Games will still be played but **only 4 tickets per player**. No band, cheerleaders or dancers. Spectators must wear masks and family circles must be six feet apart from other family circles to social distance.

NESC Response to being an **ORANGE county (with moderate to high spread in our schools)**

Instruction – two week period or less if county changes back to Yellow or Blue

- PK-6 will have a normal week of in-school instruction
- 7-12 will be on an A-B type schedule (Green-White) rotating in-school instruction with remote learning
 - Green Group: Last name A-K will have in-school instruction on Mon-Wed-Fri for week one and then Tues-Thursday for week two
 - White Group: Last name L-Z will have in-school instruction on Tues-Thurs for week one and then Mon-Wed-Fri for week two
 - All 7-12 students will follow their normal schedule while having **in-school** instruction. When students have **remote learning** they are expected to follow their normal schedule on their iPads using Google Classroom/Google Meets

Extra-curricular Activities

- Competitions/Games will still be played but **only 4 tickets per player**. No band, cheerleaders or dancers. Spectators must wear masks and family circles must be six feet apart from other family circles to social distance.
- Practice for athletics will continue as normal. This is to keep eligibility under the IHSAA rules.

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Red - High community spread

- *Grade schools remain in person or consider hybrid learning; Middle and high schools consider virtual learning*
- *No assemblies or large group activities*
- *Extracurricular activities cancelled*
- *Discourage social events*
- *County education leaders work with local health department to consider implementing aggressive prevention efforts in schools and communities*

NESC Response to being a **RED county (with moderate to high spread in our schools)**

Instruction – two week period OR less if county changes back to Orange or better

- PK-6 will have a normal week of in-school instruction
- 7-12 will be on an A-B type schedule (Green-White) rotating in-school instruction with remote learning
 - Green Group: Last name A-K will have in-school instruction on Mon-Wed-Fri for week one and then Tues-Thursday for week two
 - White Group: Last name L-Z will have in-school instruction on Tues-Thurs for week one and then Mon-Wed-Fri for week two
 - All 7-12 students will follow their normal schedule while having **in-school** instruction. Students that have **remote learning** are expected to follow their normal schedule on their iPads using Google Classroom/Google Meets

Extra-curricular Activities

- Competitions/Games will still be played but **only 2 tickets per player**. No band, cheerleaders or dancers. Spectators must wear masks and family circles must be six feet apart from other family circles to social distance.
- Practice for JV/Varsity athletics only MAY continue as normal. This will be determined by the number of positive COVID-19 cases and Close Contacts that have been identified in our school. This is to keep eligibility under the IHSAA rules.

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- Green Group: Last name A-K will have in-school instruction on Mon-Wed-Fri for week one and then Tues-Thursday for week two
- White Group: Last name L-Z will have in-school instruction on Tues-Thurs for week one and then Mon-Wed-Fri for week two
- All PK-6 students will follow their normal schedule while having in-school instruction. Students that have remote learning are expected to follow the schedule their teacher gives them on their iPads using Google Classroom/Google Meets
- 7-12 will ALL be on remote learning (virtual instruction)
 - All 7-12 students will have remote learning and are expected to follow their normal schedule on their iPads using Google Classroom/Google Meets

However, if the school environment sees a significant increase in positive cases and/or quarantined staff or students the corporation will move to a PK-12 Remote Learning (virtual school)

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TECHNOLOGY HELPDESK Information

If you need help with your device while on remote learning you can send an email to helpdesk@nesc.k12.in.us or you can phone 812-397-2132 and ask for tech help.

Other Information

- All teachers, instructional aides, cooks and custodians will report to work on remote learning days (virtual days) at their normally scheduled times unless instructed by the Superintendent
- Buses will run as usual for those students that are reporting for in-school instruction
- T-Bird Academy students
 - K-5 will have class and schedule as usual unless otherwise instructed
 - 6-12 will have class and schedule as usual
- **County-color changes that effect instruction will start on the following Monday (Monday-Friday). This allows time for families to plan if necessary.**
- **County-color changes that effect athletics will start on Thursday (Thursday – Wednesday)**

**Reminder: This Plan is subject to change
with short notice**

See Quick Reference Chart on next page

Quick Reference Chart

County Color – school case level	PK-6	7-12	Sports
Blue	Normal Day	Normal Day	Limited Fans
Yellow	Normal Day	Normal Day	Limited Fans
Orange – low	Normal Day	Normal Day	4 Tickets per player only
Orange – high	Normal Day	A – B Schedule	4 Tickets per player only
Red – low	Normal Day	A – B Schedule	2 Tickets per player only
Red – high	A – B Schedule/Virtual	Virtual	2 Tickets per player only

Subject to change based on the number of Covid cases in the school

Updated 12/01/2020

