

Considerations for the Restriction of In-Person Learning

As cases and transmission rates have continued to rise, we are getting more questions about restricting or ending in-person learning. The following are considerations that will inform the continuation/discontinuation of in-person learning and may be related to increasing local transmission rates:

1. Increases in the presence of COVID-19 in schools (either in the form of outbreaks or transmission) that suggest our countermeasures among students and staff are not sustainable; or
2. Quarantines among staff that inhibit the ability of schools to function or function safely; or
3. Guidance from the Snohomish County Health District that advises or directs schools or the district to discontinue in-person learning or to close entirely.

When cases or symptoms are readily isolated, we will respond to them on a classroom, programmatic or school basis, limited to what we determine from contact tracing. However, when/if we see trends that inform the considerations above, we will re-evaluate in-person learning as a district.

We continue to monitor our conditions daily while consulting with our health district. So far our systems are continuing to work as designed. We remain flexible. Safety is our priority.