

Building-Level COVID Metrics

Recommendation for Governing Board Consideration

A committee comprised of teachers, building administrators, central office administrators, school nurses, and the COVID coordinator convened to consider the establishment of building-specific metrics to guide when a school may return to virtual learning for a period of time as part of an ongoing strategy to mitigate the spread of COVID and support the continuation of in-person learning, while also maintaining a safe environment for students and staff.

Consistent with the guidance from Maricopa County Department of Public Health officials, the committee identified different thresholds based on the grade level of the students. For elementary schools, the numbers were based on a 2% threshold. Middle schools were set at a 1.5% threshold and high schools at 1%. The percentages are of on-campus students and staff.

The goal is to maximize mitigation while minimizing disruption for students and staff. When there is a sign of worrisome spread connected to the school, the Virtual Evaluation Team (VET) would be convened to consider the specific cases, relevant context, and make a recommendation for next steps.

Because elementary schools have a greater ability to cohort students, it is envisioned that recommendations could include quarantine of individual classrooms or a grade level, based on the relevant factors, without necessarily having the entire building return to virtual.

Conversely, at the middle school and high school level, students intermingle in three classes daily and passing time, which increases the number of potential exposures and makes cohorting more difficult. The threshold for an automatic return to virtual learning was recommended at a higher level. However, the threshold that would activate the Virtual Evaluation Team reflects the commitment to identify potential exponential growth of cases prior to its occurring.

SUSD Elementary Schools	If any of the following occurs it would activate the <u>Virtual Evaluation Team</u>	*Active Cases that would activate the <u>Virtual Evaluation Team</u>
Anasazi Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	6
Cherokee Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	12
Cochise Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	12
Desert Canyon Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	8
Hohokam-Yavapai Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	9
Hopi Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	13

Kiva Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	10
Laguna Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	8
Navajo Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	9
Pima Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	8
Pueblo Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	7
Redfield Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	7
Sequoia Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	9
Tavan Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	8

*Active Cases = “Total Confirmed In-Person Active Cases: Students & Staff for the week on this Site” from the table listed at [COVID-19 Case Dashboard](#)

SUSD K-8 Schools	If any of the following occurs it would activate the <u><i>Virtual Evaluation Team</i></u>	<i>*Active Cases that would activate the Virtual Evaluation Team</i>	
		Grades PK-5	Grades 6-8
Cheyenne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	11	4
Copper Ridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	6	4
Echo Canyon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	4	2
Tonalea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak 	4	2

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SUSD Middle Schools	If any of the following occurs it would activate the <u><i>Virtual Evaluation Team</i></u>	<i>*Active Cases that would activate the Virtual Evaluation Team</i>	<i>*Active Cases to guarantee a Return to Virtual for 10 School Days.</i>
Cocopah Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak Athletic Threshold 	8	12
Desert Canyon Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak Athletic Threshold 	4	6
Ingleside Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak Athletic Threshold. 	6	9
Mohave Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak Athletic Threshold 	6	10
Mountainside Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak Athletic Threshold 	4	7

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SUSD High Schools	If any of the following occurs it would activate the <u>Virtual Evaluation Team</u>	<u>*Active Cases that would activate the Virtual Evaluation Team</u>	<u>*Active Cases to guarantee a Return to Virtual for 10 School Days.</u>
Arcadia High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak Athletic Threshold 	10	13
Chaparral High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak Athletic Threshold 	14	18
Coronado High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak Athletic Threshold 	5	8
Desert Mountain High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak Athletic Threshold 	12	16
Saguaro High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Confirmed Outbreak Athletic Threshold 	8	10

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Virtual Evaluation Team (VET):

- COVID-19 Specialist
- Principal
- Assistant Superintendent
- School Nurse
- Additional Team members as warranted

Timeline:

- Thursday by 5 p.m., Nurses to Review **Active cases* for the week to determine if the VET is to be activated.
**VET activation may be initiated before Thursday if worrisome numbers are presented before the weekly case review.*
- VET to review and make decision by mid-day on Friday.
- Decision to go to virtual learning will be communicated by Friday, with the start of virtual to begin the following Monday.
- Schools will remain virtual for 10 school days. If the virtual time is to extend past the 10 days, 48 hours’ notice will be provided.

VET Process:

- Elementary or Secondary Assistant Superintendent convenes the VET for the building(s) that have reached the identified threshold within 12 hours of the weekly review of active cases or when growth of cases warrants meeting sooner.
- The VET reviews the specifics of each case, historical trends, and any other relevant contextual factors necessary to make an informed decision regarding next steps in the mitigation process.
- Once the VET has a recommendation, the Superintendent’s Cabinet will meet within 6 hours to authorize action and initiate the communication process to staff and parents.