



Reopening 2020: Update

Michigan City Area Schools
Board of Trustees
July 28, 2020

Review of Reopening Plan

3 Levels (**Green, Yellow, Red** based on Community Spread)

Parent Options (**Traditional, MCAS Online, Virtual Academy**)

Health & Safety Precautions for Traditional Model

Decisionmaking

- Surveys of Staff, Parents
- Health Department Guidance
- CDC and IDOE recommendations

Level of Community Spread

(as determined by the LaPorte County Department of Health and the Indiana Department of Health)

Substantial Spread

Minimal/Moderate Spread

Low/No Spread

Instructional Model

(as determined by MCAS)

eLearning

Traditional

OR

eLearning

Traditional

Response

(as determined by MCAS in partnership with the LaPorte County Department of Health)

Targeted Closure

Isolate and disinfect target areas

Short-term Closure

Close for facility-wide disinfecting

Extended Closure

Close Building(s) for at least 14 days

School Buildings Open -
Implement more intensive mitigation strategies; encourage enhanced social distancing

Minimal Use of School Buildings

Implement targeted eLearning or adopt school or district wide eLearning as necessary

School Buildings Open

implement preventative measures and protocols.



All extra-curricular events will be cancelled or postponed when experiencing substantial spread. Events can continue if virtual opportunities are available (music, clubs)

Definitions - General Guidelines

Green Low/No Spread (in school with precautions) - no or few cases in the community for 14 days, fewer than 5% positive**

Yellow Minimal/Moderate (in school with precautions **AND/OR** online) - cases in the community flat/rising/decreasing but 5-15% positive

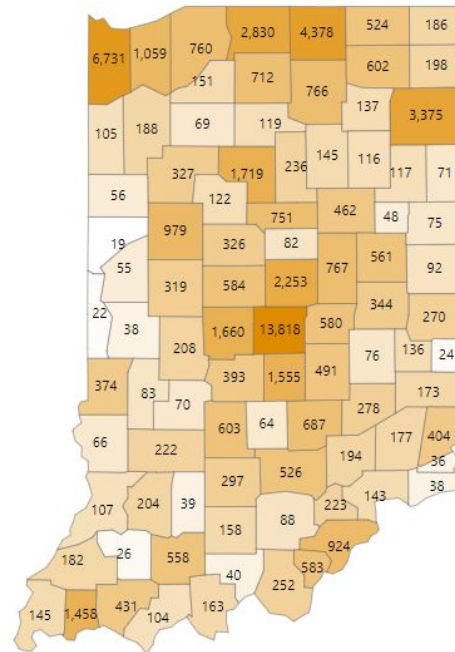
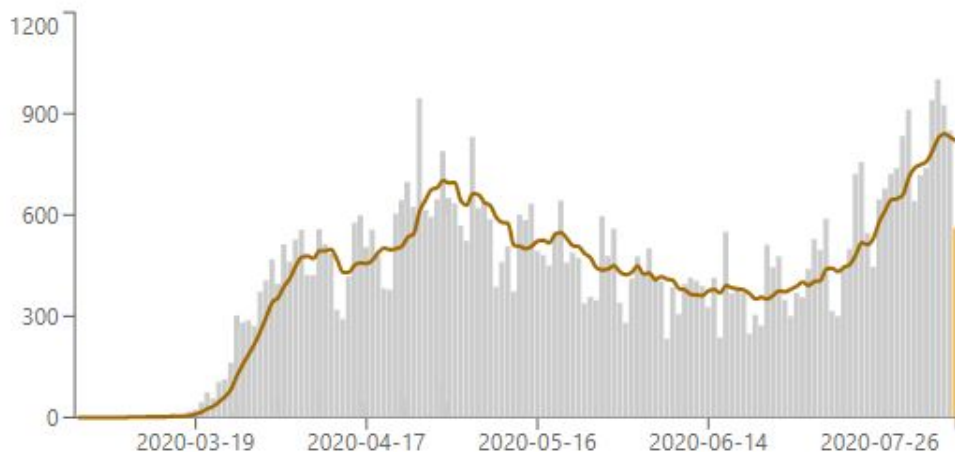
Red Substantial (online, no exceptions) - cases increasing in the community for 14 days, over 15% positive

** Guidance from Dr. Box, Commissioner, Indiana State Department of Health



Community Spread

Statewide Positive Cases by Day ⓘ



Total Positive Cases: 62,907
New Positive Cases (7/26): 561
Total Deaths: 2,709
Total Tested to Date: 707,791 -
8.9% have been positive

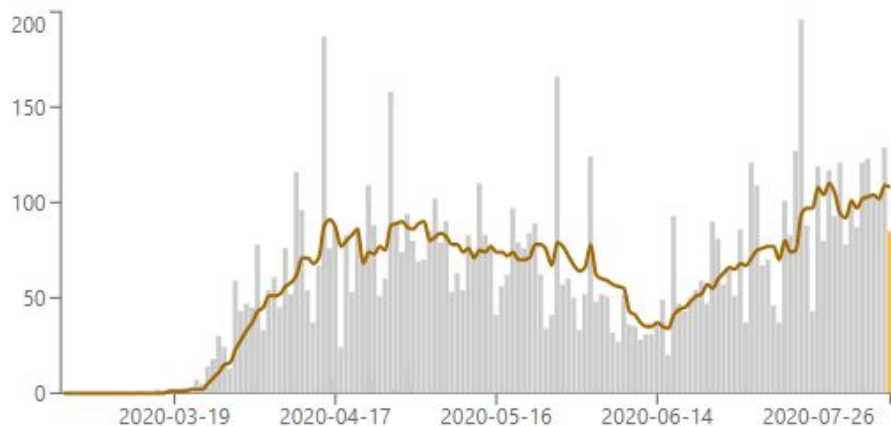
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Community Spread

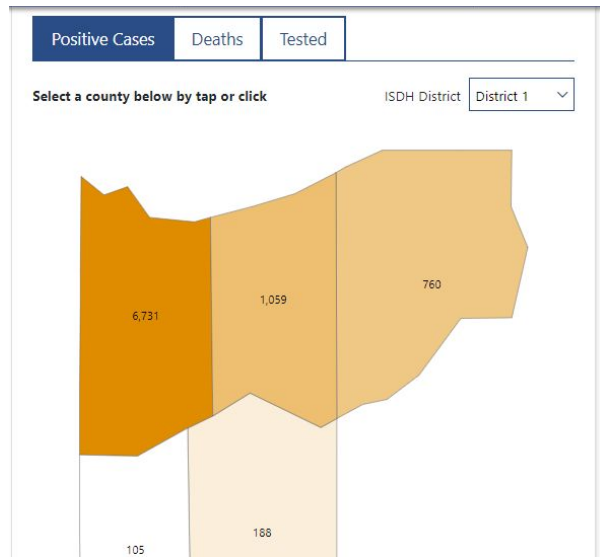
District 1 Positive Cases by Day i



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Date of Positive Case
■ Positive Cases by Day — 7-Day Moving Avg (Positive Cases)
■ Newly Reported Positive Cases



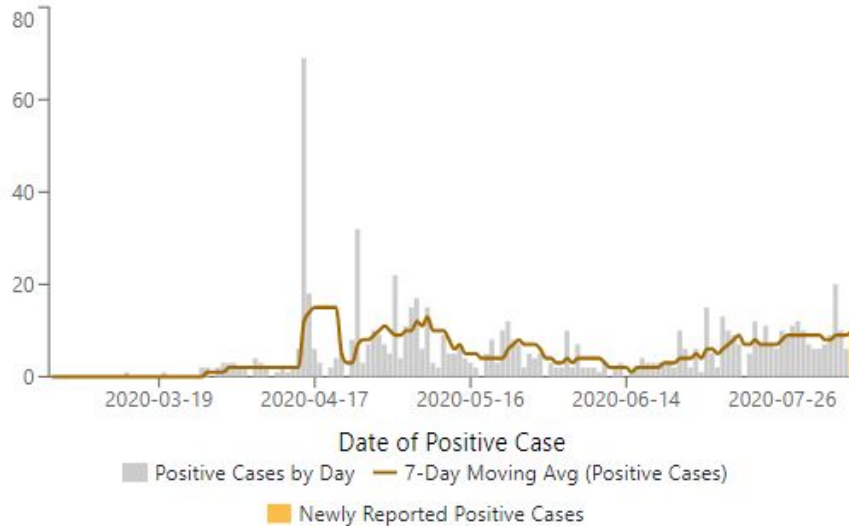
Total Positive Cases: 8,843
New Positive Cases (7/26): 85
Total Deaths: 2,709
Total Tested to Date: 86,321 -
10.2% have been positive

Community Spread

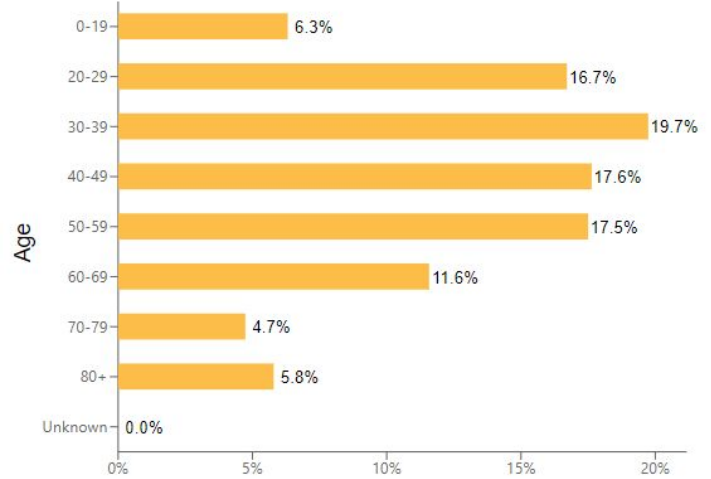
LaPorte County Positive Cases by Day ⓘ



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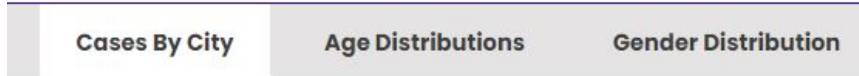
LaPorte County Demographics for Positive Cases*



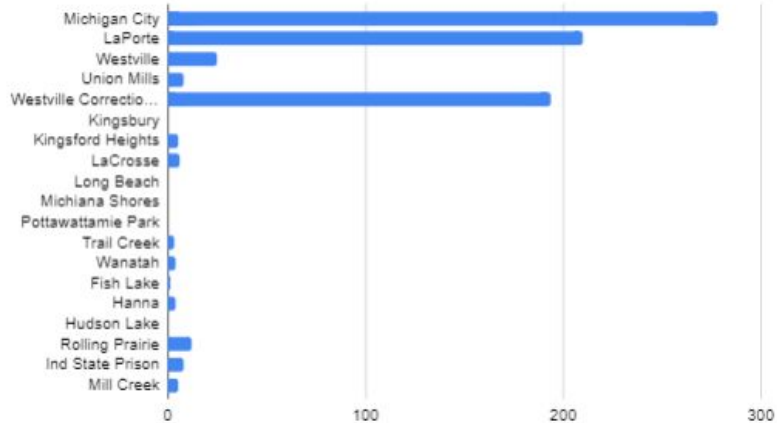
Total Positive Cases: 760
New Positive Cases (7/26): 9
Total Deaths: 29
Total tested to date: 11,757 -
6.5% have been positive

Source: Indiana State Department of Health

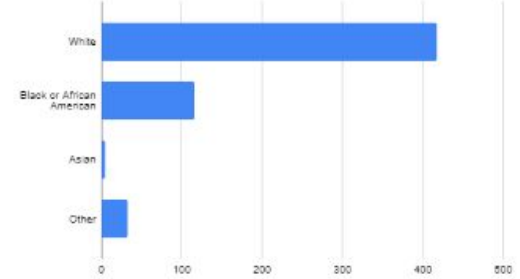
Community Spread



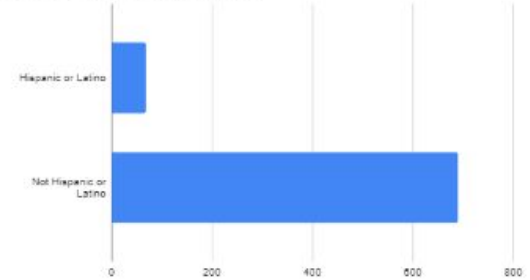
CASES BY CITY



RACE DISTRIBUTION



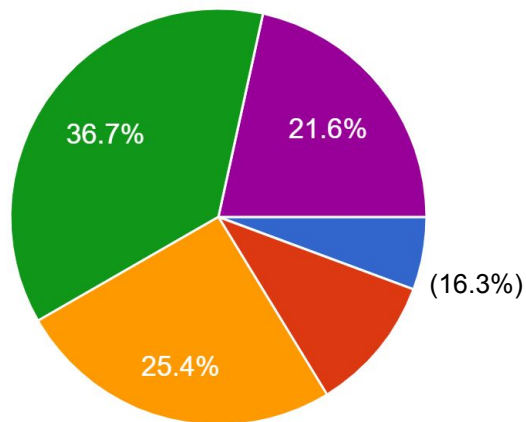
ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTIONS



Teacher Survey - Post-Plan

What is your level of comfort leading in-person instruction during the 2020-2021 school year?

283 responses



- Very comfortable
- Comfortable
- Somewhat comfortable
- Not very comfortable
- Not comfortable

Recommendation

Begin at “Yellow” - **Moderate** Spread

All classes **online** PreK-12 to begin school year - through fall break

- Exception: Career-Tech at A.K. Smith & a few MCHS classes (FCS, Business, Compressed Air, Manufacturing, etc.) due to requirement for hands-on experiences. Families will be contacted.
- In-person classes **resume October 19** based on COVID conditions, for those choosing Traditional learning option. (All parents will be asked to re-assess at 6 weeks whether they want to continue with MCAS Online after Fall Break.)
- We will continue to update the Board and public at each monthly board meeting.

Calendar Changes: A Strong Start

First day for students - Monday, August 24 (First Day for Teachers August 19)

Last day for students - Friday, June 8

Graduation - Sunday, June 13

Start Strong! Extra week gives MCAS additional time for school planning, teacher & staff professional development, technology device distribution, and food service logistics. Gives parents extra time to register and plan.

Community Partnerships for Learning

Options for Working Families PreK-8 (tentative):

Boys & Girls Club

Safe Harbor

YMCA

Details will be announced to families soon!



What about....

Food Service for all registered MCAS students will resume week of 8/24
(summer food service ended 7/24)

Extracurriculars and Athletics

Online in most cases

High School athletics continue per IHSAA guidance

High school pep band only

MCAS Employees: No cuts anticipated



MCAS Online for all



Our NEW High-Quality Program! This is NOT eLearning as we had in the past.

Students must attend **during school day hours** for instruction. Attendance will be monitored daily.

IDOE Guidance

- Must provide 180 school days (no waivers)
- Elementary - 5 hours of instruction - online and offline work
- Secondary - 6 hours of instruction - online and offline work

Reaching out to families to eliminate any barriers
(connectivity, language, etc.)



MCAS Online

High-Quality, rigorous virtual program

We are a leader! Summer PD preparation

Devices - 1:1 - Chromebooks (2-12), Chrome tablets (PK-1)

Instructional Platforms

Seesaw, Google Classroom, Blackboard, Zoom, etc.

Tools: Whiteboards, polling, breakout rooms,
annotation tools, & MORE!



Social-Emotional Learning

Supports will be provided by school counselors and social workers

Lessons K-8 provided by counselors

New English-Language Arts program integrates SEL

Online resources provided for families

Students with Special Needs

- Services and accommodations will be provided to all students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs), Individual Learning Plans (ILPs), or 504 plans. This includes occupational therapy, speech, physical therapy, language learning, etc.
- Parents will be contacted directly by their child's Teacher of Record (TOR) after school starts to determine individual plans.
- Case conferences will be held in a virtual format.

Parents as Partners

- Tech training for parents, daycare providers (webinars, online resources)
- Virtual parent meetings for “back to school”
- Essential to update contact information (emails, phone numbers!)
- Technology help desk support for parents

Other Business for Approval

Dress for Success suspended for 2020-21 (replace with pre-DFS code)

- New dress code will apply when students return to school for in-person instruction.
- Will be posted online for families.

Questions?

