Levels of Community Spread for Anser Charter School

The Anser Board of Directors has prioritized the health and safety of our students, staff and families to develop the following metrics for guiding school operations. Anser's metrics align with Idaho Back to School Framework while also integrating underlined additional widely recognized metrics public health experts around the world are using to determine safe school operations. By using clearly defined, publicly available data that staff and parents can monitor, our entire community can support safe operations within our Anser community.

This a living document; as new information and/or recommendations are made by the health experts cited, or by local public health officials, the Anser Board of Directors may adopt revisions.

Decision Making Process:
- All decisions to move between categories will be made based the previous two-week's data.
- The Covid Response Board and Staff committee will review data each Monday for the prior two weeks.
- Shifts between categories will be communicated one week prior to implementation, except when advised by public health officials to move immediately into a higher Category due to community conditions or Anser-specific conditions.

Category 3: Remote Learning due to Substantial Community Transmission:
- Building Closure: Targeted, Short-Term, or Extended
- I.e. Remote Learning for all students
- I.e. Limited prioritized support

Definition:
Large-scale community transmission, healthcare staffing significantly affected, multiple cases within communal settings like healthcare facilities, schools, mass gatherings, etc.

Primary Indicator: New daily cases greater than 25/100,000 as reported by Harvard University at:
https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/

Additional Indicators: Local community data such as county test positivity rates, data trends over time and consultation with local health officials.

Category 2B: Small groups receive parallel lessons on campus due to Moderate Community Transmission
- School buildings open but limited/staggered use of school buildings with physical distancing and sanitation in place
- I.e. Criteria for small group At-School Learning with Strongly Enhanced Transmission/Safety Precautions

Definition:
Widespread or sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings, with potential for rapid increase in suspected cases.

Primary Indicator: New daily cases between 15.0-24.9/100,000 as reported by Harvard University at:
https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/

Additional Indicators: Local community data such as county test positivity rates, data trends over time and consultation with local health officials.

Category 2A: Those who selected Parallel Learning continue, those who select on campus learning are on campus due to Minimal Community Transmission
• School buildings open, but limited/staggered use of school buildings with physical distancing and sanitation in place
• I.e. Criteria for At-School Learning with Enhanced Transmission/Safety Precautions

Definition:
Widespread or sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings, with potential for rapid increase in suspected cases.

Primary Indicators: New daily cases between 10.0-14.9/100,000 as reported by Harvard University at:
https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/

Additional Indicators: Local community data such as county test positivity rates, data trends over time and consultation with local health officials.

Category 1: No Community Transmission
• School buildings open with physical distancing and sanitation.
• I.e. Criteria for At-School Learning with Standard Transmission/Safety Precautions

Definition:
Evidence of isolated cases, case investigations underway, no evidence of exposure in large communal settings, e.g. healthcare facilities, schools, mass gatherings, etc.

Objective Indicators: New daily cases of 9.9 or less/100,000 as reported by Harvard University at:
https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/

Additional Indicators: Local community data such as county test positivity rates, data trends over time and consultation with local health officials.

Time-based Indicator for all Categories: At least two weeks of data to establish criteria for movement between categories, or immediate movement based on guidance from Central Health District.

Data Sources:
- Primary Indicator established by the Harvard Global Health Institute.
- Test Positivity Rates established by the U.S. Coronavirus Taskforce and World Health Organization.
- Time based Indicator 3 established by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and World Health Organization as criteria for safe reopening.

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