



**SWALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**INSPIRING EXCELLENCE SINCE 1844**

# **Staying Safe to Stay Open**

## **Process, Factors, and Scenarios**

### **for Decision-Making**

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**Our intention during the 2020-2021 school year is to maximize the days students experience face-to-face learning without having a negative impact on school and community spread of COVID-19, in line with the School Board's goal to have face-to-face instruction five days per week, with the understanding that a virtual option will be needed for some students all of the time.**

**To this end, the Swallow School District has engaged with the Waukesha County Health Department, medical professionals, parents, and staff to determine Reopening Plans. The following are the processes used to review factors which will impact decision-making about the District's ability to remain open for face to face instruction in a classroom, grade level, or for the entire school.**

### **Why isn't there a dashboard for Swallow with metrics that tells us specifically when we will be open and when we will be closed?**

**While the Waukesha County Health Department has adopted the Harvard model as a guideline, at this time they are not using any specific cut-offs to determine when a classroom, grade level, or the whole school will need to close due to COVID-19. They have also said that they are not monitoring schools for COVID-19 in the aggregate, it is instead the school's job to contact the County to discuss positive cases of COVID-19 or the numbers of students or staff in quarantine if the school would like to do so for advice.**

### **Is there any data available for our school district and COVID-19?**

The County's dashboard now includes a look at the entire Arrowhead Area School District for children ages 0-18. (See below) Due to the size of each feeder school, they have determined each school is too small to provide data for on the dashboard just like for larger school districts they do not break it out by elementary or middle school cases.

[The website to find varying Waukesha County school district numbers can be found here.](#)

[A YouTube link showing how to navigate the website to find our school data can be found here.](#)

While this dashboard provides helpful information, it includes students who are homeschooled, attend public schools, and attend private schools within the entire Arrowhead Area District. Therefore even this level of data cannot be used as an absolute to inform decisions for Swallow to be open or closed using the Harvard model. Once school begins, we will have information about how many positive COVID-19 cases there are within our student body and how many students are in quarantine. (The District already has this information for our staff.)

### **[What does our process of reviewing information look like?](#)**

### **[Can you provide some definitions to make things clearer?](#)**

COVID-19 has brought a whole new set of words to our vocabulary. To be sure the information included makes sense, the key words and their definitions to familiarize yourself with are linked above.

**What factors have been identified as those most likely to impact face-to-face instruction?** This chart below provides a snapshot of them as well:



**What are some possible scenarios that we may encounter this year that could impact decision-making?**

The scenarios linked above are meant to provide insight into how factors identified as being most important to being able to maintain face-to-face instruction will be considered as decisions are made throughout the school year in consultation with the WCHD and School Board.