

# COVID-19 In-Person Learning Guidance

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## Overview

On Friday, November 6, 2020, the State Public Charter School Authority approved the following COVID-19 In-Person Learning Guidance for all SPCSA-sponsored public charter schools. The COVID-19 In-Person Learning Guidance is a revision of the original guidance that was approved on August 14, 2020.

<b>Mitigation Level</b> (Established by Governor’s Emergency Directive 030 and <a href="#">Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal!</a> )	<b>SPCSA COVID-19 In-Person Learning Guidance</b> (Established by SPCSA Board on Friday, November 6, 2020)
Baseline Level	A charter school sponsored by the SPCSA <i>may, but are not required to</i> , operate under <b>an in-person or hybrid model</b> in accordance with all prevailing directives, including but not limited to Emergency Directives 022 and 028.
Mitigation Level 1	Except with written approval of an exemption from the Executive Director, all charter schools sponsored by the SPCSA <i>shall</i> operate under a <b>distance education or hybrid model</b> , with the option to provide in-person instruction at a limited scale (less than 40% of the school’s enrollment at any given time) and subject to all prevailing directives, including but not limited to Emergency Directives 022 and 028.
Mitigation Level 2	
In addition, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Executive Director <i>must</i>, open a fast response process to consider appeals by schools for exemptions and <i>may</i> approve and enact individual plans informed by consultation with schools.</li> <li>The Executive Director <i>may</i>, in unique circumstances require additional restrictions for specific schools and/or counties based on public health data and/or non-compliance with prevailing Emergency Directives.</li> </ul>	

## Impacts to SPCSA-Sponsored Schools

The SPCSA provides regular updates to schools as to each county’s Mitigation Level and the underlying public health data. If a county currently in Mitigation Level 1 or 2 appears to be making progress toward returning to Baseline Mitigation, the SPCSA will specifically highlight this information in weekly emails and bi-monthly calls so that schools can prepare for a potential increase in in-person instruction. Similarly, if a county currently in Baseline Mitigation has an increase in the public health indicators that points to a potential for moving into a heightened Mitigation Level, the SPCSA will specifically highlight this information so that schools can begin to prepare for a possible decrease in in-person instruction.

Data and information regarding the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force can be found at the following website: <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/covid-task-force-assessments/>

## Appendix: Additional Information on County-Level Mitigation Approach

There are three mitigation levels defined in [Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal](#): Baseline Mitigation, Mitigation Level 1, and Mitigation Level 2. A county's mitigation level can increase or decrease based on three criteria that serve as indicators of risk of elevated COVID-19 transmission.



### 1. Criteria

The following criteria are established in the *Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal* as indicators of risk of elevated COVID-19 transmission. These criteria reflect the changes adopted by the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force on October 8, 2020.

1. Average number of tests per day (per 100,000) < 100
2. Case rate (per 100,000) > 200
3. Case rate (per 100,000) > 50 AND testing positivity > 8.0%

### 2. Mitigation Levels

As defined in the *Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal*, each county's mitigation level is based on the number of criteria met and, if a county meets two or more criteria, how many weeks in a row the county has met two or more criteria.

Mitigation Level	County Restrictions	What causes a County to be at this level?
Baseline Level	Current Directives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Default Level</li> <li>• "Warning week" – one week of meeting 2 or more criteria</li> </ul>
Mitigation Level 1	Targeted approach or reduced capacity and gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 or more weeks of 2 or more criteria met</li> <li>• Level determined by degree of severity and the duration at the level</li> <li>• The speed at which mitigation levels may increase is implemented at a shorter duration than relaxing mitigation levels. Therefore, increases in mitigation measure may occur within a week or two if the trend is showing increased spread but lessening or relaxing of those mitigation levels will be reviewed at longer intervals</li> </ul>
Mitigation Level 2	Potential return to Phase 1 Compliance Requirements	

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### 3. COVID-19 In-Person Learning Guidance

The table below summarizes the COVID-19 In-Person Learning Guidance:

Established by Governor’s Emergency Directive 030 and <a href="#">Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal</a>			Established by SPCSA on November 6, 2020
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