

## Inter-Lakes School District Matrix for Level of Mitigation Strategies

**Thursday, February 24, 2022 – Mitigation Level for 02/27/22 – 03/12/22 IL Level – IL**

The Inter-Lakes School District encompasses two counties – Belknap County and Carroll County. A level will be set for the entire School District based on an analysis of the information outlined below. In cases where there are two measures for the two Counties, the highest level will be used. This matrix is a guide and it should be understood that it is likely that all boxes may not be “checked” for a particular level and a decision will require a level of judgment based on the current level of circumstances.

**Additional Data** ( ) represents previous week

New Cases Last 14 Days by Town Source: <a href="https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map">https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map</a>	Center Harbor – <b>1-4</b> (1-4)    Meredith – <b>14</b> (31)    Sandwich – <b>1-4</b> (1-4) <b>Total – 16-22</b> (33-39)
% Positivity (Last 7 Days), % Change (Last 7 days) <a href="https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home">https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home</a>	Belknap 6.3% (9.1%*)    Carroll 5.6% (8.1%*) <b>Through 02/23/22</b> *NH COVID Data Only Available

Indicator	IL Level 1 – IL Green	IL Level 2 – IL Yellow	IL Level 3 – IL Red
Community Transmission Level Sources: (the higher measure will be used) <a href="https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map">https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map</a> <a href="https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home">https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home</a>	Minimal (NH Data) Low (CDC Data)	2/23/22  Moderate or <b>Substantial</b> (NH Data) Moderate or Substantial (CDC Data)	2/23/22 <b>Substantial</b> (NH Data) Substantial or <b>High</b> (CDC Data) 2/24/22 Both Belknap & Carroll at Substantial (NH) and High (CDC)
Total Active Cases combined for Center Harbor, Meredith, & Sandwich Source: <a href="https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map">https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map</a>  Total Population Combined = 8,822; Source (8/17/21): <a href="https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map">https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map</a>	Center Harbor - <b>0</b> (1-4) Meredith – <b>6</b> (10) Sandwich - <b>1-4</b> (1-4) <b>Total – 7-10</b> (12-18)  0-12	13-25	26 or greater
Rate of New Cases for Belknap & Carroll Counties Last 14 Days (the higher measure will be used) Source: <a href="https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map">https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map</a>	<b>Belknap &amp; Carroll – Middle of Lower Level</b>	Middle Level & Upper Lower Level	High Level
Sporadic cases in the entire School District without evidence of community transmission Source: Local School District Data	4 or less <b>4</b> (3)	Less than or equal to 10 and Greater than 4	11 or above
Single cluster in School District Source: NH DPHHS & Local School District Data	0 <b>Active (0)</b>	0	1 or greater
Multiple clusters or a larger outbreak in School District Source: NH DPHHS & Local School District Data	0 <b>Outbreaks (0)</b>	0	1 or greater

**Additional Consideration**    Prior to setting the Elementary Level at Level 1 the availability of the vaccine for this age group will be reviewed. Depending on the status, the Elementary & Middle/High School Levels may be set at different levels.

<b>COVID-19 Data by School</b>			
<b>*Active Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Schools</b>	<b>ILES</b>	<b>ILM/HS</b>	<b>SCS</b>
	3	2	0
<b>Active Cluster of Cases in Schools</b>	<b>ILES</b>	<b>ILM/HS</b>	<b>SCS</b>
	0	0	0
<b>Active Outbreak of Cases in Schools</b>	<b>ILES</b>	<b>ILM/HS</b>	<b>SCS</b>
	0	0	0
<b>Number of Pending KNOWN COVID-19 Tests</b>	<b>ILES</b>	<b>ILM/HS</b>	<b>SCS</b>
	9	0	0
<b>Number of Quarantines</b>	<b>ILES</b>	<b>ILM/HS</b>	<b>SCS</b>
	2	0	0
<b>**Number of Isolations</b>	<b>ILES</b>	<b>ILM/HS</b>	<b>SCS</b>
	1	0	0

**Note:**

\*Confirmed cases will be active for the 10-day period.

\*\*Isolations may end after 5 days.

## **Meeting Notes:**

The Team discussed how the day went at the various schools with optional mask use. Reports were positive and included seeing many smiles. The Team will plan to meet next on March 10. At that time, the Team will review the current data and determine if additional mitigation strategies are at a point to relax – such as physically distant desks. The Team may shift to meeting every other week for a period of time. The additional data sheet reported 1,647 cases which should be 1,114 cases.

## **Members:**

Lisa Merrill, Chair IL School Board; Mark Billings, Vice Chair IL School Board; Duncan Porter-Zuckerman, School Board; Eric Shelov, MD/Medical Advisor; Taylor Hounsell, Student; Abigail Smith, Student; Riley Towle, Student; Michael Bryant, Principal ILES; Jeremy Hillger, Principal SCS; Amanda Downing, Principal ILMHS; Teresa McCormack, School Nurse; Jodi Pendexter, School Nurse; Megan Ambrose, Parent; Reed Leberman, Parent; Melissa Manville, Teacher; Patricia Parsons, Teacher; Brian Swanker, Director of Facilities; Mary Moriarty, Superintendent

## CDC Report on 2/23 (for from NH as of 2/22)

### NH

Transmission level	Red (=High = >100/100k)
New cases	0
Cases last 7 days	2,614
Cases last 7d/100k	192.3
7 day pos. rate	NA
total csaes	293,677 (reported on 2/16)

Belknap 7d cases/100k 213.7 (red)

Carroll 7d cases/100k 137 (red)

### NH Covid Dashboard

reported Thursday 2/23 for Wed 2/22

(last report was Fri 2/18 for Wed 2/16)

Belknap Pos.rate 8.4% (CDC red)

Carroll Pos.rate 7.9% (CDC yellow)

### From NH Case Summary

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate/100k</u>
0-9	23,177
10-19	29,660 (now highest age group)
20-29	29,416
30-39	27,111

NH Covid overview and update 2/23 reports **282** new for Tues. 2/22

NH Covid update (2/23) for Tues 2/22 reports an additonal **1,647** for 2/1 to 2/21

<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p><i>Regarding face coverings in schools</i></p>	<p><b>Legal Reference—Ed 306.04</b></p>
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*This Technical Advisory continues the New Hampshire Department of Education’s communication regarding the use of face coverings in schools.*

The New Hampshire Division of Public Health updated its recommendations for the use of face coverings on February 23, 2022. This new guidance no longer recommends universal face mask use, in either indoor or outdoor settings, including specifically in school settings.

Prior to the issuance of this new health guidance and since the onset of the pandemic, the Department had maintained that school districts had the authority to require students to wear masks under their own school health and safety policies. See Ed 306.04(a)(2) and (22). Given the new public health guidance released today, however, mask requirements in school policies are inconsistent with the Ed 306 rules. A mask requirement may violate the district’s obligation to maintain policies that “Meet[] the instructional needs of each individual student,” Ed 306.04(a)(6), “[p]romot[e] a school environment that is conducive to learning,” Ed 306.04(11), and that “[m]eets the special physical health needs of students.” Ed 306.04(a)(22). Therefore, consistent with prior public health recommendations, schools should transition to adopt these new public health recommendations as quickly as possible.

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