MCPS leadership in consultation with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and individual school leaders will examine schools on a case-by-case basis and determine whether a school needs to transition to virtual learning for a designated period of time for health and operational reasons.

Multiple factors will be considered to inform a decision for an individual school to transition to virtual learning.

Those factors include:

- Positive case rates for students and staff
- Student absences
- Staff absences
- Unserved bus routes
- Unfilled substitute requests

(Note: the numbers associated with these data points will be examined for trends over time and higher averages. No one data point is considered as a threshold for decision-making. Information examined for an individual school is school-specific and needs to be considered in that manner).

- Health and wellness impacts in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services
- School leadership assessment of operational readiness, and
- Any Impacts to school specific programs.

MCPS schools, when considering these measures collectively, are able to maintain in-person teaching and learning status and as it has been maintained, students learn best when they are in school for their education.

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