

LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Lynn Public Schools Families,

On August 11, 2020, state authorities released a metric delineating the factors involved in determining whether or not it is safe for in-person activities to happen in a community. Each Wednesday going forward, the Department of Public Health releases its [Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report](#) that contains critical metrics for each city/town. Beginning August 12, 2020 and each week thereafter, there will be a color-coded indication posted for each municipality calculated on a rolling two-week basis.

- Red will designate communities with more than 8 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents. Communities in this category should provide instruction remotely.
- Yellow will designate communities that have more than 4 and up to 8 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents. Communities in this category should provide instruction remotely or in hybrid fashion.
- Green will designate communities that have 4 or fewer COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents. Communities in this category should provide instruction in hybrid fashion or full in-person.

At present, the City of Lynn is one among a small number of communities in the red category. Given the seriousness of the current context and our commitment to safety, **I plan to propose that ALL students begin the 2020-21 school year in remote learning.** This proposal calls for an assessment of whether or not it is safe to return for in-person learning on November 20, 2020.

In the meantime, we would like to keep two-way communication happening through the virtual town halls – there are two forthcoming. On Monday, August 17th at 6 p.m., we will convene to provide you an overview of Schoology, our new learning management system (follow this [link](#)). On Monday, August 24th at 6 p.m. we will convene to discuss matters related to special education (link forthcoming). Those who cannot attend live can watch the videos at any point thereafter by visiting the communications tab on the [Reopening Safely page](#).

Yours in partnership,

Patrick Tutwiler, PhD
Superintendent