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Last Wednesday afternoon, Governor Holcomb and Chief Health Officer Dr. Box released new guidance for school districts in regards to school activity during COVID-19. The new system is based on area/community spread and is a color-based system. Each of the five public school superintendents have been meeting with the Greene County Health Department on a regular basis in preparation to implement the new guidelines. Each Wednesday afternoon in concert with the Governor's weekly press conference, Dr. Box will be releasing a map of Indiana with each county assigned a color: blue, yellow, orange, or red that will determine the action that our school systems will take.

Blue and Yellow will result in the districts staying status quo with in-person learning taking place at every school. The athletic departments will run status quo in the blue phase, but attendance at events will be limited to parents or close relatives of participants in the yellow phase.

Orange means moderate to high community spread. Orange will result in a hybrid schedule being utilized at the high school and middle school for the next one-week period. The elementary schools will stay open with in-person learning. Athletic departments at the high school/middle school will continue to run with one major exception: there will be no spectators allowed at events or contests.

Red means that community spread is severe and will result in the consideration of all districts going to a virtual platform in middle school and high school, depending on the source of the community spread. The elementary school has a choice of remaining in-person or moving to a hybrid model. For athletics, a red label means that there will be no athletic contests held. Varsity/JV teams may practice during a red label as directed by school administration; middle school athletics will be shut down with no practices or events.

Note: no athletic events will be held with schools from red labeled counties.

## PROCEDURES:

\*Each Wednesday following the release of community spread labels, school superintendents will utilize the district's student information calling systems to reach out to students and parents if we are labeled ORANGE or RED and announce education programming.

ORANGE: MS/HS will move to a hybrid schedule; ES will remain open for in-person learning. The hybrid schedule will be in-place for one week unless we would turn red during the second week.

RED: MS/HS will consider moving to a virtual platform--depending on the source of the community spread; ES will consider a choice by district of hybrid or in-person as per the Governor's guidelines.

\*On Thursday (the next day), the new platform will begin.

Sincerely,

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