



## **SAU #19 – Advancing Student Learning**

Serving the School Districts of Goffstown and New Boston

Brian Balke, Superintendent

**To: SAU19 School Board**  
**From: Brian Balke**  
**Date: April 15, 2020**  
**Re: COVID-19 Return to School Criteria**

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SAU19 variables to be considered to safely re-open schools:

1. Substantial reduction and stabilization of new cases – flattening of the curve – nationally as well as regionally
2. Notification system where school and town officials would know of active cases or active quarantine circumstances
3. An immunization for COVID-19 is available
4. Development and implementation of a comprehensive system of testing – contact tracing – quarantine requirements that are enforced
  - a. Wide-spread, mass testing – including blood test to identify who has the antibodies indicating prior exposure and recovery of COVID-19
5. Health care system sufficiently able to respond to care needs including having sufficient PPE and other health care needs such as ventilators
6. System to identify high-risk individuals (families, staff members, etc.) who continue to be potentially exposed and how will they be evaluated and addressed
7. No travel related restrictions domestically as well as internationally
8. No CDC or NH restrictions on group sizes
9. Sufficient classroom substitute coverage for staff absences
10. Schools would need sufficient PPE as well as capacity to conduct temperature or other biological screenings
11. We do not have the capacity to run parallel models (remote learning and traditional schools in operation) if schools were open and parents elected to not send their students back to school or staff do not return to work

We need to think about a tiered re-entry model. Likely the return to normal will be a gradual one with several smaller steps such as small group re-entry and sufficient restrictions in place including the requirement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).