

Finney County Health Department Gating Criteria for USD 457 & USD 363 Schools

This data and criteria system will be used in collaborative discussions between these groups to determine classroom, school and district operational levels within Finney County. Final decisions will be made by each school district superintendent. The Finney County Health Department may also issue legally binding public health orders which could supersede this process. The criteria described below are subject to change as more scientific data and evidence become available.

COUNTY INDICATORS

Sustained Increase in New Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagged if increasing trend of at least 5 days in overall cases by onset date.
Outbreaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagged if 3 positives within a classroom that are tracked back to exposure within school or an unknown exposure. 25% or more of classrooms closed within a building triggers a close of the entire building. If exposure is determined as personal, social, employer or other, this will not flag this indicator.
5-Day Increasing Trend of New Hospitalizations Due to COVID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagged if at least 5-day increasing trend in number of new hospitalizations due to COVID.
Contingency Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagged if hospitalizations above 15. St. Catherine Operations based on total capacity are as follows: Conventional = 1-15 Contingency = 16-20 Crisis = 21+
ICU Bed Occupancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagged if the percentage of occupied ICU beds goes above 80% for at least 3 days in the week. St. Catherine Hospital ICU capacity is 8.
Percent Positivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The percentage of COVID-19 tests performed for residents that are a positive indicator of trajectory. Indicator will be flagged if the case positivity rate is >25% in a 14-day period

COUNTY ALERT LEVEL

MODERATE	INCREASED	HIGH	SEVERE
1-2 Indicators Flagged	2-3 Indicators Flagged	4-5 Indicators Flagged	All 6 Indicators Flagged
Disease active in community but spread contained, exercise caution.	Increased exposure risk, exercise caution, consider additional restrictions on activities and gatherings.	Very high exposure risk and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Avoid gatherings.	Most restrictive, severe emergency, shut down procedures recommended.
USD 457 & USD 363 LEVEL 1-2	USD 457 & USD 363 LEVEL 3	USD 457 & USD 363 LEVEL 4-5	USD 457 & USD 363 LEVEL 6

Adapted from Ohio Public Health Advisory System <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system>

Additional considerations that may affect USD 457 & USD 363 Operational Levels:

- Student Absenteeism
- Staff Absenteeism – Overall and by employee group (e.g. nurses, teachers, admin)
- Substitute Availability

BUILDING LEVEL OPERATIONAL LEVELS

If a building has a classroom coded **YELLOW** the minimum building Operational Level is 3.

If a building has a classroom coded **RED** the minimum building Operational Level is 4.