Following recommendations from public health officials, on February 4, 2021 the PVSchools Governing Board revised criteria and approved a plan for transitioning from in-person learning to virtual learning due to COVID cases. The plan shifts from the previous district-wide approach to a criteria that calls for individual school assessments to determine transitions from in-person learning to virtual learning. Employee vaccinations is another important component in our mitigations strategies (e.g. wearing cloth face masks, frequent hand washing, social distancing where possible) for creating a safe in-person learning environment for our students and staff.

Several factors will be evaluated when determining the need to shift from in-person learning to virtual learning due to COVID-19:

**Factors Considered**

- **Student Social and Emotional, and Academic Factors**
- **Classroom Impact** (e.g. staff and student absenteeism)
- **Multiple Cases within a Cohort** (e.g. classroom, club, team)
- **Suspected Outbreak* across a School**
- **Effectiveness of Mitigation Strategies**

**School-level COVID Team:** School Principal, School Nurse, and Site Representative(s)

- Daily school-level monitoring of COVID cases and staffing availability
- Continue contact tracing and quarantine practices
- Explore adjustments to mitigation strategies
- Refer multiple cases within a cohort or suspected outbreak to district COVID Task Force
- Consult with district COVID Task Force to consider additional mitigation strategies, including a return to virtual learning for classroom, cohort, or entire school
- District COVID Task Force makes recommendation to Superintendent

**District COVID Task Force:** School-level COVID Team, District Lead Nurse, Assistant Superintendents, Directors of Student Services, and Medical Doctors (Epidemiologist and Infectious Disease)

*Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) defines school outbreaks as follows: Two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases among students or staff with onsets within a 14-day period, who are epidemiologically-linked, do not share a household, and were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during standard case investigation or contact tracing.