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## **ECASD Board to Consider Instructional Model for 2020-21 School Year**

*Proposed model aligns with Respond Together Eau Claire, a step-by-step plan that provides recommendations based on the risks posed by COVID-19 in the community*

EAU CLAIRE, WI — On Monday, July 20, the Eau Claire Area School District Board of Education will consider a proposed instructional model aligned with [Respond Together Eau Claire](#), a plan developed by Eau Claire City-County Health Department. The model will outline how the District will approach learning in the upcoming school year, depending on a variety of factors.

The Respond Together Eau Claire plan includes seven steps, designated as Safer at Home and Steps A through F. Based on the risks posed by COVID-19 in the community, the orders of the plan are updated every two weeks. These orders directly impact the district's teaching and learning delivery model.

In Phases A-E, ECASD would use a blended model that combines in-person and virtual learning. If the Health Department moves to Phase F, the District would transition—over a period of several weeks—back to all in-person learning throughout its schools.

When students and staff are in school buildings, they will need to follow physical distancing whenever possible and wash their hands or use hand sanitizer regularly. In situations in which physical distancing is not possible, the District will require students and staff to wear face coverings.

“By working in alignment with the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, we can help ensure that we have the proper measures and learning model in place to protect the health and safety of our students, staff and families,” said Michael Johnson, ECASD Superintendent. “We look forward to a good discussion on Monday evening as we work with the Board to determine the best steps forward in preparing for the upcoming school year.”

The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, September 1.

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*Note: To view a graphic of the proposed instructional model, please visit:*

<http://www.ecasd.us/getmedia/605f7b48-ecf7-4970-9c1e-943ac52dd347/ECASD-2020-21-Instructional-Delivery-Final.pdf>