

Oxford City Schools
COVID Update
September 3, 2021

Beginning the week of September 6, 2021, the Alabama Department of Public Health will fully resume the use of Alabama's COVID-19 Schools K-12 Dashboard. The dashboard is presently in testing mode and some data is being reported. This dashboard will provide a statewide view of COVID-19 cases and operating status in the K-12 setting. School systems, including Oxford City Schools, will enter the number of newly self-reported COVID-19 cases among students and employees on a weekly basis.

Oxford City Schools will transition from the color-coded alert stages to action steps based on the percentage of students self-reported as positive. OCS will post the **percentages** of students reporting positive at each school site. These numbers will be posted on Thursdays and available for public viewing. These percentages will reflect data collected each Wednesday prior to the reporting day. OCS plans to continue with in-person instruction based on the parameters of this plan. Employee absences due to COVID will be monitored, and provided schools are able to operate with sufficient staffing, they will remain open.

Based on current information, data will be released on the ADPH dashboard on Thursdays. The dashboard will be located at [ADPH k-12 COVID Dashboard](#). Again, OCS will publish each school's percentages (students self-reported positive cases) each Thursday. The data from the ADPH dashboard and OCS will be reported in two different formats. ADPH dashboard reports a combined number of self-reported students and employees in the district during a 7-day period, while the OCS data is percentages of self-reported positive students at each school on every Wednesday.

Oxford City Schools will continue to follow the Return to Instruction Plan located on the website and make any necessary changes affecting individual schools or the district will be communicated via the website and social media as soon as practicable. We will not use color-coded alert stages, but we will monitor each school based on its percentages of positive cases among students and trends within the building.