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**Decision Grid - Updated by the Pelham School Board February 16, 2022**

Decision Grid <sup>5</sup>		Level of Community Transmission <sup>2</sup>		
		Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Level of School Impact <sup>1</sup>	Low	Masks Optional	Masks Optional	Emphasis On Pelham Data <sup>4</sup>
	Medium <sup>3</sup>	Masks Optional	Emphasis On Pelham Data <sup>4</sup>	Masks and Distancing
	High	Emphasis On Pelham Data <sup>4</sup>	Primarily Remote	Primarily Remote

Notes:

1. Level of School Impact is determined by the three identified criteria – transmission rate within the school, student absenteeism, and the staff's capacity to conduct classes and school operations. A cluster is defined as 3 or more individuals confirmed with COVID-19 who are part of a related group of individuals (e.g. a classroom) who had the potential to transmit infection to each other through close contact within the last 14 days. Two or more clusters are defined as those with onset (based on source case symptom onset dates) within 14 days of each other. Staff capacity includes a school's ability to maintain adequate staff for facility operations, transportation, teaching, and administrative functions.
2. Level of Community Transmission is determined by PCR test positivity as a 7 day average and new infections over 14 days per 100,000 individuals. All are determined at the county level and not the community level since Pelham is relatively small and within Hillsborough County (excluding Nashua). The level of community transmission will not be a single determining decision-making variable. Rather, it will be used in conjunction with school impact and positive test rates.
3. A medium level of school impact does not necessarily mean that masks and physical distancing are required. It depends on the type of school impact and will be determined by administration in conjunction with public health officers.
4. "Emphasis on local data" means that decisions about increasing safety measures including masks and distancing will be based on Pelham data over county, state or national data.
5. The Decision Grid was received by the School Board on February 16, 2022.