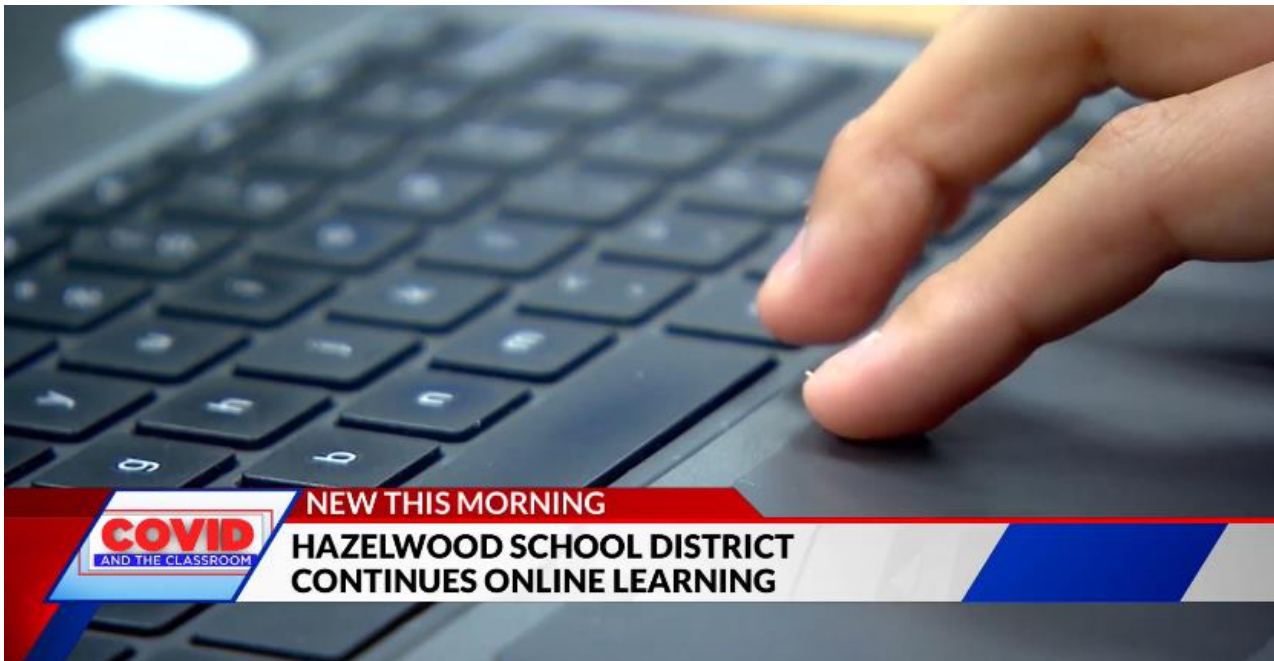




## Hazelwood schools continue to virtual learning



HAZELWOOD, Mo. – Students in the Hazelwood School District will continue to learn online for now.

The school board came to a consensus Tuesday and decided to continue virtual learning. The COVID-19 case rate in the district remains high. Reports show coronavirus cases rose more than 18 percent in September.

The board also reaffirmed its decision not to have students participate in athletics. They'll re-evaluate that decision during another meeting in two weeks.

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# Hazelwood school district to continue all-virtual learning

The board of education also reaffirmed the decision to have students not participate in sports until the district transitions to in-person classes



ST. LOUIS COUNTY, Mo. — The Hazelwood School District's board of education voted to continue online-only classes until at least Oct. 20. In a press release, the district also said the board also decided to reaffirm the decision to have students not participate in sports until the district transitions to in-person classes. The decision was made due to infection rates in the ZIP codes that the district serves, the press release said. According to the press release, those ZIP codes — 63031, 63033, 63034, 63136, 63138, and 63042 — have higher transmission rates than the rest of St. Louis County. The transmission rates in those ZIP codes have increased by 18%, the release said. The next board meeting is Oct. 20.

The district provided the following measures it says can help slow the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses:

- Practice physical, social distancing; aim for 6 feet and at least 3 feet when in small spaces
- Wash our hands frequently and use hand sanitizer when water and soap are not available
- Cover our coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow
- Avoid large crowds and gatherings
- Wear a face covering in public and when having contact with others
- Stay home if sick
- Limit the amount of time in close contact with others
- Get vaccinated for the seasonal flu (adults & children)
- Get tested for COVID-19 if we have contact with a positive COVID-19 case or develop COVID-19 symptoms

On Monday, St. Louis County Executive Sam Page recommended in-person classes resume for high school students. Page said there have been [improvements in COVID-19 rates and cases](#) among the 15- to 19-year-old age group. The rate of new cases has declined along with the positivity rate. Page said more teens are getting tested, a trend that needs to continue.

He stressed this is a recommendation and not a mandate for schools and families.