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**Dr. Emily Oster Launches the Most Comprehensive Base of Data on  
COVID-19 and Schools**

*The COVID-19 School Data Hub to Provide Insights on Learning Outcomes As a Result of the  
Pandemic, Press Briefing Call Today Will Share Initial Insights*

Providence, RI – Dr. Emily Oster, [author](#) and professor of Economics at Brown University, today announced the launch of the [COVID-19 School Data Hub](#), which will be the most comprehensive, accessible base of data on the intersection of COVID-19, learning and health effects connected to schools during the 2020-21 school year. The COVID-19 School Data Hub will make it possible for researchers to answer crucial questions impacting the current school year, such as the impact of in-person vs. remote learning on academic performance, physical health, and mental health, and employment for students' parents.

“It’s crazy that 18 months into the pandemic, we are relying on such an incomplete understanding of what happened in schools during the last school year and how those decisions have affected students, teachers and parents. The fact that some states haven’t even collected or shared this data poses a significant barrier to understanding the impact of COVID-19 and learning outcomes,” said Dr. Oster, Executive Director of the COVID-19 School Data Hub. “The pandemic is one of the most pivotal events in education in generations, and school leaders, public health authorities, and families all need a clear picture of what’s happened. The COVID-19 School Data Hub will be the comprehensive, accessible resource to ensure we all have accurate and complete information to guide crucial learning and health decisions this school year.”

Data collected for each state through the COVID-19 School Data Hub includes school- or district-level information on the following, and is ready for analysis:

- Learning model (e.g., virtual, hybrid, in-person)
- Enrollment by learning model
- COVID-19 case counts among students and/or staff.

This data will continue to become more complete as states contribute more data and additional public and private resources will be linked.

For more information on the COVID-19 School Data Hub, visit [www.covidschooldatahub.com](http://www.covidschooldatahub.com) and follow the Data Hub on Twitter here: [@CSDH19](https://twitter.com/CSDH19).

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