



Pewaukee School District

COVID-19 Update

October 5 2020

Weekly Update Data: Each week of school during the pandemic, the Pewaukee School District will publish a status update of active cases and those in quarantine due to exposure or presentation of COVID-19 like symptoms. This information is provided in an effort to be transparent with the level of virus activity within the school district. Please note that information relative to any individual's health is very sensitive and private so we are taking steps to secure the anonymity of individuals. Student numbers will be published at a school level and the district as a whole. In any school in which the number is <5 we will post an * to avoid the likelihood of exposing the identity of an individual. We will provide a summary number for the district as a whole. For staff, because they are fewer in number, we will only post that information for the district as a whole.

Data related to the spread of the virus in our region can be reviewed using the **Waukesha County COVID-19 Dashboard** at <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19>

Phase Status: *Current level = Phase 2; Grades 4K-5 (Full attendance MT,TH,F & All Virtual Wed) Phase 1; Grades 6-12 (hybrid / 50% attendance)*

The past few days we have experienced a reduction in the number of active cases (infections) and quarantine within the district which is good news. Meanwhile the community spread remains high with Waukesha County averaging greater than 100 new infections per day (for comparison in early September the average was closer to 40/day). We will be watching closely our ability to maintain the lower level of quarantine and infection within our system and for any acceleration in viral spread in and around our community. ***We will not consider making any changes to less restrictive phases prior to October 19, 2020.*** The potential for us to consider a change to Phase 2 for grades 6-12 on or after October 19th will be contingent on whether our internal incidents of infections and quarantine remain at manageable numbers and we see stabilization of viral spread in the community. To date, the incidents of infection that have led to isolation and quarantine for our staff and students have come from exposure outside of school from family members or at social gatherings. Anything that parents and students can do to limit your potential exposure outside of school will be important in our ability to maintain or increase in-person learning at school. It is also important for all families to ***have a plan*** to deal with incidents of quarantine or school closure which may happen on short notice.

FAQ Highlight: What is the purpose/value of having all students virtual on Wednesdays in Phase 2?

- Although there is standard cleaning of all spaces and surfaces like student desks nightly, the Wednesdays allow for a higher level of sanitation using [PureFx](#) sprayers without



students present.

- The reduction of a day of exposure is a substantial virus mitigation strategy. One less day of student attendance prevents on campus student to student exposure and student to staff exposure.
- At all grade levels, every teacher is managing both virtual and in-person environments. Although at some grade levels we have dedicated virtual only teachers, in all circumstances our staff is managing students temporarily out due to illness or quarantine who are not in the virtual opt-in setting. At the older grade levels, teachers are employing synchronous instruction which means they are all managing the two environments simultaneously. The Wednesday, virtual only day is of great benefit for teachers from a planning and instructional perspective to have a day where they can focus solely on the virtual environment.

Data Table Terms (Note the new addition of *trend graphs* below following the Cases & Quarantine Table. These represent counts from each Friday.)

Active Cases: This term refers to individuals with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis who are not considered recovered. This would apply to any individual who has not completed the required 10-day isolation period which must also include 24-hours symptom free.

Quarantine: This term refers to individuals who are placed in quarantine due to a known exposure to an individual confirmed to have COVID-19 or due to the presentation of symptoms consistent with the virus.

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School	Student Active Cases (Confirmed COVID-19 / Non-recovered)	Students Quarantined (Symptomatic of or Exposed to COVID-19 / 10-14-day Quarantine)
PLE	*	7
Horizon	*	6
Asa Clark MS	*	9
PHS	*	18
Total	1	40
District (Staff data x district level only to protect privacy of individuals)	Staff Active Cases (Confirmed COVID-19 / Non-recovered)	Staff Quarantined (Symptomatic of or Exposed to COVID-19 / 14-day Quarantine)



PSD	0	4
* Indicates less than 5 cases to protect the privacy of individuals infected or in quarantine		

