



Pewaukee School District

COVID-19 Update

October 27, 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-8 (Full attendance MT,TH,F & All Virtual Wed) Phase 1; Grades 9-12 (hybrid / 50% attendance)*

We are continuing to monitor internal and external viral activity. The number of infections have increased along with the number of those in quarantine for both staff and students. We have been able to manage through contact tracing protocols and we thank our students and parents for your cooperation. This isn't easy for anyone and we understand no one wants to be placed in quarantine but it is absolutely necessary if we are to keep our schools open.

Our goal remains, at this time, to move PHS to Phase 2 with the start of quarter 2 on November 5th. This will be dependent on maintaining manageable rates of infection and quarantine for PHS staff and students. Furthermore, the rates of infection in the county and our census tract area will need to stabilize and decline from the current high rates we are experiencing. **If the high rates continue in our region, and the number of infections and of those in quarantine in our schools doesn't decline over the next week, we will have to consider delaying the change to phase 2 at PHS.** Students of high school age consistently produce higher levels of infection and therefore present a bigger challenge and risk than our younger students which is why we moved younger students into Phase 2 first.

Throughout this school year, we have worked to balance **three priorities** including: the health and safety of students and staff, the social and emotional wellness of students and staff, and student learning. It is our view that it is most beneficial for learning, as well as social emotional



wellness, for students to be in attendance in school as much as possible. We believe that sustained lower levels of infection and quarantine at PHS, and stabilization and reduction of community viral spread, would provide supporting rationale for a shift to Phase 2 from a health and safety perspective. **Due to the high level of viral activity in our region, we will wait until Monday, November 2nd before finalizing a decision to move PHS students to Phase 2 on November 5th.**

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.

These measures include:

- limiting social circles / interaction
- wearing face coverings
- social distancing
- frequent handwashing
- monitor for symptoms and ***not sending symptomatic students to school***
- getting adequate rest, good nutrition, and exercise

It is also important for all families to ***have a plan*** to deal with incidents of quarantine or school closure which may happen at any time and on short notice.

Data Table Terms

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.

Probable COVID-19: This term refers to individuals who are symptomatic and have a known exposure to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Probable COVID-19 cases are included in the active cases data in the table below.

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 & Probable COVID-19)	Students Quarantined (Symptomatic of, or Exposed to, COVID-19 / 10-14-day Quarantine)
PLE	*	19
Horizon	*	11
Asa Clark MS	*	34
PHS	5	45
Total	8	109
District (Staff data x district level only to protect privacy of individuals)	Staff Active Cases (Confirmed COVID-19 / Non-recovered & Probable COVID-19)	Staff Quarantined (Symptomatic of or Exposed to COVID-19 / 14-day Quarantine)
PSD	5	11
* Indicates less than 5 cases to protect the privacy of individuals infected or in quarantine		

Weekly Summary

