

Pewaukee School District COVID-19 Update November 2, 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

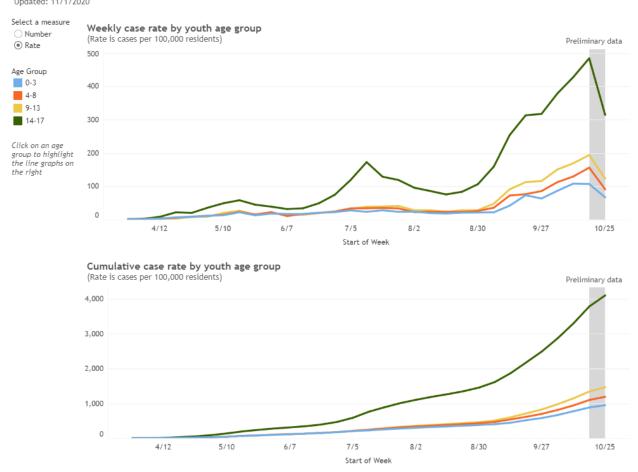
Phase Status: Current level = Phase 2; Grades 4K-8 (Full attendance MT,TH,F & All Virtual Wed) Phase 1; Grades 9-12 (hybrid / 50% attendance)

Due to increases in the number of students and staff with COVID-19 infection and in quarantine, combined with the high and increasing rates in our state and region, we are postponing our planned move PHS to Phase 2 with the start of quarter 2. PHS will remain in phase one until we experience sustained reduction in cases.

In addition to the increase in numbers, there have been multiple high schools in our vicinity move (temporarily) from in-person to fully virtual environments due to increased infections and quarantine in those schools. This high school age group continues to have much higher rates and numbers of infection than younger age groups which increases the likelihood of spread of infection. A change to phase 2 includes full attendance for all students enrolled in the in-person option and therefore greatly reduces our ability to have students socially distance as a mitigation strategy. The following graph illustrates the **differences by school age groups in Wisconsin**:



Confirmed cases by youth age group by date of symptom onset or diagnosis Updated: 11/1/2020



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. While 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, the data and the increasing trend of infection do not support a change to full in person attendance at this time. It remains our desire to move our PHS students to phase two as soon as it is reasonably safe for students and staff to do so.

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	*	16
Asa Clark MS	*	34
PHS	6	78
Total	12	147
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	10	10	
* Indicates less than 5 cases to protect the privacy of individuals infected or in quarantine			

(Note: The table above represents most current day's data, whereas the graph below shows weekly trends from each Friday to provide a historical comparison. So the data between the two will often differ.)

(As of October 30, 2020)

Weekly Summary

