

## Pewaukee School District COVID-19 Update December 1, 2020

**Weekly Update Data:** This information is provided in an effort to be transparent with the level of COVID-19 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 <u>Coronavirus</u>. If you review this data, you may notice a <u>discrepancy</u> between the County Dashboard that shows on the map of school districts "active cases" of school aged children living in the boundaries of the district and what we are showing as cases. First, those numbers include 18-years olds who may be out of school, and includes school aged children attending private schools. Open enrolled into other districts, and home schooled children. That said, there are some data discrepancies being worked through related the definition being used by the county of an "active case." You can rest assured that the data we share is the most current and accurate information that we have at the time.

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);

This update shows reduced numbers of students and staff in infection and quarantine. This is good to see and likewise, state and county numbers have trended down over the past week. It is important to be cautious with interpreting these data due to the long holiday weekend which included a reduction in testing and potential backlogs of contact tracing. We won't know if the potential Thanksgiving surge that health officials have warned us about will happen or impact the school district directly for a number of days. We are very hopeful that this trend of declining cases continues but will maintain the status quo with attendance models for all schools as we wait to see if the reduction in incidents in our schools and our region are stable.

Throughout this school year, the incidents of infection that have led to isolation and quarantine for our staff and students have come primarily from exposure outside of school from family members or at social gatherings. Likewise, as a school district we encourage our families to take steps to limit exposure so we can stay safe to stay open.

## These measures include:

- limiting social circles / interaction
- wearing face coverings
- social distancing
- frequent handwashing



- monitor for symptoms and do not send symptomatic students to school
- getting adequate rest, good nutrition, and exercise

It is also important for families to communicate with our school staff to support contact tracing efforts. Recently we shared another letter from the Waukesha County Executive and Health Officer regarding the need to support and comply with contact tracing and quarantine if we are to limit the spread and Stay Safe to Stay Open.

## **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	*	24
Horizon	*	27
Asa Clark MS	*	17
PHS	*	15
Total	6	83
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	3	6
* 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. Due to the holiday break, this weekly graph shows data through Wednesday 11/25. So the data between the two will often differ.)

(As of November 25, 2020)

