



Pewaukee School District

COVID-19 Update

March 24, 2021

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 [Coronavirus](#).

Phase Status: *Current level = Phase 3; *Grades 4K -12 (Full attendance Mon - Friday)*

**8th grade (all), 7th grade Black House, 5th grade sections (3) = Phase 0 until April 6th*

It has been a week! We have **experienced a considerable surge in student cases** over the past eight days. This has included a substantial increase in positive cases and related to that, an increase in our quarantine numbers. The vast **majority of cases have been isolated to 8th grade at Asa Clark, and to a lesser extent our 7th and 5th grades**. This spike in cases happened very quickly and our approach as a district was to respond decisively with moving groups of students (houses, classroom sections) to Phase 0 (fully virtual) in an effort to minimize the spread. It is our hope that case counts will come back down over the break. We have not seen a notable change at PHS or PLE and the cases in the County and the State remain relatively low and stable.

This has been a good reminder that this virus is still very much with us and is highly contagious. **It remains important for students with viral symptoms to stay at home (from school AND athletic practices - school or youth programs) and we urge parents to have your child tested if they are symptomatic or have been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19.** You can access the [PSD Decision Making Tree](#) if you are unsure about the process. It is very easy to get same day test results in our region. One location you may go to that guarantees **same day results**, and allows **walk-in appointments** is <https://www.summitclinicallabs.com/>. They have multiple locations including nearby in Delafield. Of course you can go anywhere you prefer for testing this is just one option.

3-feet or 6-feet? You may be aware that the CDC recently provided new guidance reducing the distancing expectations for schools to open from 6-feet to 3-feet. The purpose of this change is to encourage schools that are not open, to re-open. We have been open all year long so this change in guidance doesn't have any practical implications for our operations. As we have communicated to parents, once we moved to Phase 2/3 it was no longer feasible to maintain 6 foot distancing in our schools. Please note that **this guidance DOES NOT change the guidelines for contact tracing and quarantine procedures. The standard for identifying students as a close contact continues to be an exposure ≤ 6feet ≥ 15-minutes.**



Please note that **with our move to full size attendance groups, it is critical that students, parents, and staff work together to continue to implement our mitigation strategies so that we can operate as normally as possible.** Please do your part by:

- Staying home/**not sending students who have any viral symptoms**
- Practicing social distancing to the best of our ability
- Thoroughly and frequently washing your hands or using hand sanitizer
- Cooperating with contact tracing protocols
- Wearing face coverings consistently and appropriately (see graphic below)



Masking Requirement: Regardless of whether a state mask mandate is in place, the Pewaukee School District will maintain and enforce a requirement for wearing face coverings in our schools for students, staff, and visitors. This will continue until the guidance from the CDC, state and county public health departments advise otherwise. The CDC, DHS, and Waukesha County Health continue to stress universal masking as an essential virus mitigation strategy. We have had excellent cooperation with this and other mitigation efforts which is an important reason why we have been able to sustain in-person attendance.

Support Resources: These atypical times have been shown to contribute to increases in mental health issues for students and adults as routines are disrupted and this can lead to feelings of isolation and helplessness. Our student services staff are a tremendous resource and are trained to help. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school counselor if you have any concerns. We are here to help! You can access helpful resources at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/pewaukeeschools.org/community-resources-list/home>

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) (Last update / +/- Change)	Students Quarantined (Symptomatic of, or Exposed to, COVID-19 / 10-14-day Quarantine) (Last update / +/- Change)
PLE	*	9
Horizon	6	25
Asa Clark MS	14	127
PHS	*	20
Total	23 (5 / +19)	181 (40 / +141)
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	2(1/ +1)	7 (3 / +4)
* 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.



Weekly Summary

