

Pewaukee School District COVID-19 Update April 9, 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 <u>Coronavirus</u>.

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

Happy April! I hope everyone had an enjoyable spring break and are refreshed for the final stretch of the 2020-21 School Year. We have had a relatively quiet week on the C19 front with cases and our number of students in quarantine down quite a bit after a large surge prior to the break. Thank you parents and students for your support and cooperation allowing us to *stay safe to stay open* and continue to offer most of our regular programming for our students. Let's continue to work together to make the last 44-days of school as safe, positive, and productive as we can for our students.

To succeed in having a strong finish to the school year it remains important for students with viral symptoms to stay at home (from school AND athletic practices - school or youth programs). In accordance with ongoing guidance from Public Health Officials we urge parents to have your child(ren) 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.

Vaccinations: As of Monday, April 5th all individuals aged 16 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Presently, individuals aged 16 or 17 are only able to receive the two dose Pfizer vaccine. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after receiving the final dose of the vaccine. Students who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine or get tested if exposed to individuals positive for COVID-19. Fully vaccinated individuals who become symptomatic for COVID-19 should get tested before returning to school. The most recent information we have received is that children 12 years of age and older will likely be eligible for vaccination by the fall. Presently, children under the age of 12 are not expected to be approved for vaccination until sometime in 2022.

Masking Requirement: As you are likely aware, a recent WI Supreme Court Ruling overturned the state mask requirement. Regardless of this decision, **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.

"Masks greatly reduce transmission....Now is not the time to be loosening up on our practices." - Ben Jones; Health Officer, Waukesha County Health Department (4/7/21)

<u>Support Resources:</u> 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	*	5
Horizon	*	4
Asa Clark MS	*	28
PHS	*	16
Total	5 (23 / -18)	53 <mark>(181 / -131)</mark>



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	1 <mark>(2/ -1)</mark>	1 <mark>(7 / -6)</mark>
* 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

(Through March 26, 2021)



