

## Pewaukee School District COVID-19 Update May 17, 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)

Great to see that we continue to experience low levels of infection and quarantine in our schools and a declining rate of infections in our census tract region.

Virtual Learning Option 2021-22: This week, parents & guardians will **receive an email with a survey link** for each student to help determine the demand for a fully virtual learning option for students for the 2021-22 school year. It is important for district planning to have as clear an idea as possible on the level of demand so if you have any thought you may want your student(s) placed in a virtual learning environment next year please take a couple of minutes and fill out this short survey.

**Quarantine Protocol Change:** Recently, the Waukesha County Health Department and the County Executive's office released *revised guidelines for quarantine of close contacts in a school setting*. This guidance allows close contacts the option of not completing quarantine assuming the school environment maintains layered mitigation measures including the requirement for universal masking. Full details, and the letter sent home to parents can be found on our website.

Vaccinations: On May 2nd we hosted an onsite vaccine clinic that included students 16 and older. The second dose clinic will be held from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. \*note this is a time change) in the PHS Auxiliary Gym on May 23rd. Emergency authorization for children 12 and older has now been approved. We will be expanding access to the May 23rd clinic for first doses for students 12 and older as a service to our families. The second dose for those receiving their first dose on May 23rd will be June 13th. The registration link for the May 23rd clinic is below:

#### https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CABAB23A5F5C16-pfizer4

The clinic will administer the Pfizer vaccine, which is the only C19 vaccine approved for 12 through 17 year old individuals at this time. 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. Currently there are studies underway for children 6 months to 11-years of age as well but vaccination for those age groups is likely months away.

If your student has been vaccinated, and you would like to update their records at school you can email that information to <u>PSD-health@pewaukeeschools.org</u> and our nursing staff will update the information.

**Masking Requirement:** Pewaukee School District continues to maintain and enforce a **requirement for wearing face coverings in our schools** for students, staff, and visitors. The CDC, DHS, Waukesha County Health, American Academy of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital continue to stress universal masking as an essential virus mitigation strategy. The use of masking is also a necessary element for our adoption of the **new quarantine guidelines** from Waukesha County Health.

**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.

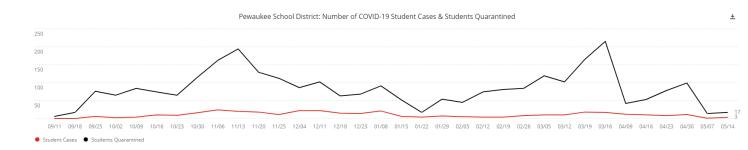
**Quarantine:** This term refers to individuals who are placed in quarantine due to a known exposure to an individual confirmed to have COVID-19 or due to the presentation of symptoms consistent with the virus.

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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	*	5
Horizon	*	*
Asa Clark MS	*	*



PHS	*	*
Total	3 <mark>(1 / +2)</mark>	12 <mark>(10 / +2)</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	0 <mark>(0/ 0)</mark>	0 <mark>(1 / -1)</mark>
* Indicates less than 5 cases to protect the privacy of individuals infected or in quarantine		

# Weekly Summary (Through 5/14/21)



(**Staff Cases:** Incidents of infection or quarantine among staff members have been at, or near zero for the past six weeks. We will continue to provide numbers for staff in the data table above but will no longer include the weekly trend graph unless the trend changes.)