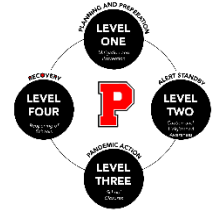




PSD Weekly Covid-19 Update

This weekly update is published to provide transparent communication for our school community regarding the relevant data, and status of PSD Covid-19 protocols.



Weekly Update Data: This information includes current status of important guiding data points that are utilized by the administration and the Board of Education to make decision regarding the level of mitigation protocols in place for students and staff, as well as for making decisions in relation to any consideration of changing the learning environment model for groups of students. The full operational plan may be accessed [here](#). Key metrics that the district will monitor include:

- Weekly 7-day average for daily new positive cases within school district boundaries
- Positive and Probable (known exposure and symptomatic) cases in isolation (Students & Staff)
- Students & Staff in Quarantine

Mitigation Decision Guidance (MDG) Model: This model utilizes the 7-day average of new daily cases within Pewaukee School District boundaries to guide decisions to escalate or de-escalate mitigation measures. The district will look for a 3-day trend of the rate meeting, exceeding or falling below of the prescribed benchmark when considering a change in status. Other data including internal rates of infection and quarantine will also be considered before determining a course of action. Changes will typically be put in place for a minimum of 2-weeks before considering de-escalation, however rapid increases in cases may require more rapid changes higher levels of mitigation.

7-Day Average	Masking	Isolation & Quarantine	Testing
<3.5	Optional	-Positive & Probable Isolated -Unvaccinated in-home Close Contacts Quarantine -Testing Services Available	Recommended/Optional for Close Contacts & unvaccinated staff
≥3.5	Recommended	-Positive & Probable Isolated -Unvaccinated in-home Close Contacts Quarantine -All Close Contacts (vaccinated & unvaccinated) encouraged to submit a negative test	-Encouraged as weekly screener for unvaccinated staff & Close Contacts -Consider as screener for special events (e.g. dances)
≥7.5	Recommended	-Positive & Probable Isolated -Unvaccinated in-home Close Contacts Quarantine -All Close Contacts (vaccinated & unvaccinated) required to submit negative test or must Quarantine	-Weekly Screening required for unvaccinated staff -Required for Close Contacts to return (or must Quarantine) -Required screening for special events (e.g. dances)
≥10	Required with waiver option (opt out)	-Positive & Probable Isolated -Unvaccinated Close Contacts Quarantine (CDC guidelines) -Vaccinated Close Contacts submit negative test or must Quarantine	-Weekly Screening required for unvaccinated staff -Required for Close Contacts to return (or must Quarantine) -Required screening for special events (e.g. dances)

Weekly Update

Week: 3

Date: 9/14/2021

Current Data & Status Explanation: Some encouraging trends in our Covid-19 data over the past week. The 7-day new case weekly average within PSD boundaries is currently at 2.33 (last 3-day average) which falls in the **Green** category for week 3 (this rate has remained in green for the past 7 consecutive days). Our community transmission rate (cases per 100,000 population) remains in the “High” category although the rate has declined substantially over the past 2 weeks. Our 10-day rate of cases in our Census Tract has declined by more than 60% since the start of school. As a note of caution, we have experienced an increase in student infections with 10 active cases in the district as of today, as well as a jump in the number in quarantine in the district to 49 students. We currently have one staff member out who is in the probable category.

Vaccinations: Residents living within the PSD boundaries have a higher vaccination rate than the state and county. As of this morning 64.3% of PSD residents have received at least one dose of vaccine. We estimate that more than 50% of students age 12-15 and nearly 60% of students 15-18 have had at least one dose of vaccine. Pfizer-BioNTech has announced it will be submitting data from clinical trials to the FDA on vaccinations for children ages 5-11 by the end of this month. Estimates reported in the media are that vaccines for this age group will be available in late fall or early winter.

Parent & Student Support: The primary goals of our mitigation efforts are to keep students and staff as safe and as healthy as we can, and to keep our schools open for in-person learning. These goals are best accomplished when our schools and families are working together to do their part to *stay safe to stay open*. To this end, **it is absolutely critical that symptomatic students stay home from school and from school activities**. Keeping potentially infected individuals out of the school environment is one of the best ways to prevent viral spread on campus.

Masks Required on Buses: **All students riding school buses are required to wear masks per federal mandate**. Parents please ensure your student(s) have a mask and we ask you to reinforce that they are to wear the mask while on the bus. We received some communication from parents questioning whether or not school buses were included in the mask mandate for transportation. Yes, school buses are included in the federal mandate issued by Executive Order and subsequently through supporting orders and actions by various agencies. The following links will take you to supporting information that may help clarify that school buses are included in the mandate: [CDC](#), [CDC FAQ](#), [TSA](#), [US DOT](#), [FTA](#), [Wisconsin DOT](#).

Testing Protocols: The district will be providing onsite testing to accommodate testing requirements. We ask parents to complete a [parent consent form](#) and send to school with your student(s) and consider pre-registering on [Covid Connect](#). This will expedite the process in the event your student(s) are identified for testing through contact tracing. No student will be tested at school without parental consent (note: 18-year old students may provide consent for themselves).

It may be necessary, in particular at the start of the school year, to refer families or staff off site for testing. This may be the case at any time if the quantity of testing needed exceeds the capacity of our staff to complete the testing protocols and manage operations of our health rooms. Testing is readily available at [Walgreens](#), [CVS](#), most urgent care facilities, and on a walk-in basis at [Summit Clinical Laboratories](#).

Recent 3-day trend of 7-day average new daily cases with PSD boundaries (Source: Wisconsin DHS)	
Date	Rate
9/14/21	2.71
9/13/21	2.14
9/12/21	2.14

Current Status PSD	GREEN (combined 3-day Avg 2.33)
<3.5 Optional	-Positive & Probable Isolated -Unvaccinated in-home Close Contacts Quarantine -Testing Services Available Recommended/Optional for Close Contacts & unvaccinated staff

Isolation & Quarantine

School	Student Active Cases (Confirmed Covid-19 Positive & Probable Cases)	Students in Quarantine
PLE	6	30
Horizon	*	6
ACMS	*	*
PHS	*	*
Total	10	49
PSD Staff	Staff Active Cases Confirmed Covid-19 Positive & Probable Cases)	Staff in Quarantine
PSD	1	0
*Indicates less than 5 cases. Numbers less than 5 are not reported to help protect the identify of individuals infected or in quarantine		

Definition of Key Terms

Positive: Individual who has tested positive for Covid-19.

Probable: Individual who has a known close contact exposure (within 6-feet for ≥ 15 minutes) to a confirmed positive case and who has symptoms for Covid-19.

Close Contact: Individual identified through the contact tracing process to have been exposed to a positive case (within 6-feet for ≥ 15 minutes).

Vaccinated: Individual who is known to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19. This means 2-weeks past the final dose of the vaccination process.

Confirmed Recently Infected: Individual who has tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 90-days. Note that Recently Infected individuals enjoy the same status in regard to the contact tracing and quarantine procedures as fully vaccinated individuals.

Isolation: Individuals who test positive for Covid-19 or are determined to be probable Covid-19 cases are placed in Isolation. Isolation requires a student or employee to not report to school for a minimum of 10 days, which must include 24-hours without fever (unmedicated) and improving symptoms.

Quarantine: Individuals who are identified as close contacts are required to monitor for symptoms of COVID for 14 days. If symptoms occur, please contact your school nurse. An individual may be required to quarantine at home for 10 days. The individual may return to school on day 11 if no COVID symptoms are present. An individual in quarantine may return on day 8 if a negative result from a Covid-19 test taken on day 6 or 7 is provided, and if the individual is free of symptoms.