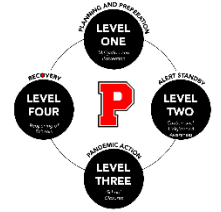




PSD Weekly Covid-19 Update

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: 4

Date: 9/21/2021

Current Data & Status Explanation: The 7-day new case weekly average within PSD boundaries is currently at 5.43 (last 3-day average) which falls in the **Yellow** category for week 4 which reflects an increase from last week. Our community transmission rate (cases per 100,000 population) remains in the “High” category and has increased consistently over the past week. Our 10-day rate of cases in our Census Tract is currently the highest it has been since the start of school but has remained relatively consistent/flat the past several days. This is not surprising as cases have increased in surrounding communities and in the state over the past week. Within the district, student cases increased last week but have started to come down in the past few days. Mirroring trends in the county, state and nation, we are seeing a higher percentage of cases among younger students. The county continues to report that they are not seeing increases in hospitalizations of children due to Covid-19. Presently, there are numerous respiratory viruses circulating including higher than typical incidents of RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). We currently have three staff members out for Covid related reasons.

Vaccinations: Residents living within the PSD boundaries have a higher vaccination rate than the state and county. As of this morning 64.6% of PSD residents have received at least one dose of vaccine. We estimate that more than 50% of students age 12-15 and 60% of students 15-18 have had at least one dose of vaccine. Pfizer-BioNTech released results following phase 2/3 trials for their C19 vaccine for children ages 5-11. The announcement from Pfizer stated the trial results showed the vaccine was safe and that it produced “robust” antibody response in children ages 5-11. It was reported that Pfizer will request Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and will be submitting trial data to the FDA for review. Media reports indicate the vaccine may be available for children in this age group by the end of October.

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. The following links will take you to information related to the federal mandate: [CDC](#), [CDC FAQ](#), [TSA](#), [US DOT](#), [FTA](#), [Wisconsin DOT](#).

Testing Protocols: The district is 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). Covid Connect is now being used by other testing sites including Summit Labs.

Depending on demand, it may become necessary to refer families or staff off site for testing. This may be the case 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](#). Please note that test results have been more delayed in the past few weeks due to increased demand. In some cases it may take 2-3 days to get results.

Recent 3-day trend of 7-day average new daily cases with PSD boundaries (Source: Wisconsin DHS)	
Date	Rate
9/21/21	6.00
9/20/21	5.14
9/19/21	5.14

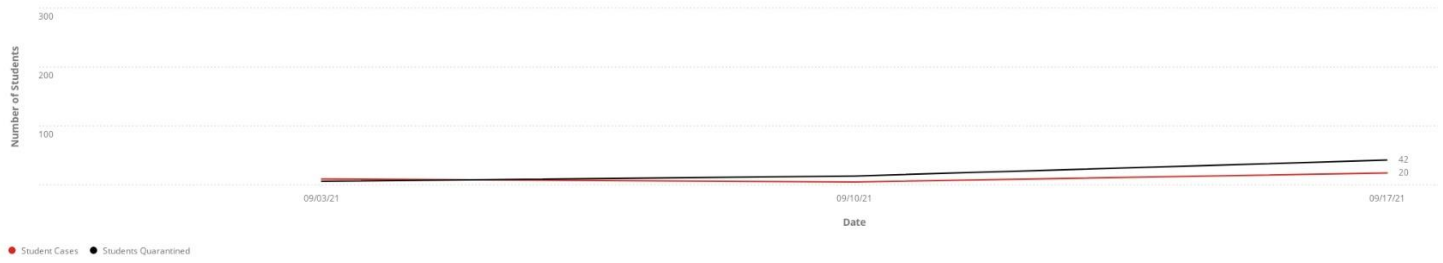
Current Status PSD	YELLOW (combined 3-day Avg 5.43)	
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Isolation & Quarantine

School	Student Active Cases (Confirmed Covid-19 Positive & Probable Cases) (Last Week / Change +/-)	Students in Quarantine (Last Week / Change +/-)
PLE	9	20
Horizon	*	*
ACMS	*	8
PHS	*	13
Total	16(10 / +6)	44(49 / -5)
PSD Staff	Staff Active Cases Confirmed Covid-19 Positive & Probable Cases)	Staff in Quarantine
PSD	2	1
*Indicates less than 5 cases. Numbers less than 5 are not reported to help protect the identify of individuals infected or in quarantine		

Weekly Trend for Student Cases: The graph below shows weekly trends with student positive cases and quarantine numbers. Note that the graph shares end of week (Friday) data. The table above reflects the data in the district at the time of publication, which is typically Tuesdays, so the numbers in the table above may not match the totals in the weekly graph as they represent different points in time.

Pewaukee School District: Number of COVID-19 Student Cases & Students Quarantined



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.