



February 2023 - UPDATE

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PSD Stay Safe to Stay Open
Plan Revisions/Additions Post-Vaccine

This updated PSD Covid-19 Operational Plan is presented as an update to the Board of Education [approved plan](#) published in August of 2022. **It is a requirement of the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund program that districts review the *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan* every six months.** Throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Pewaukee School District has remained focused on three guiding priorities, (1) the health and safety of students and staff, (2) the social and emotional wellness of students and staff, and (3) student learning. The PSD Covid-19 Operational plans have been consistently revised to respond to changing conditions to maximize safety, wellness, and student learning. This revision reflects the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control which supports a less restrictive and simplified approach to management and mitigation.

Table 1: Isolation & Quarantine

Category	Status	Isolation / Quarantine	Testing
All	Positive case	Per CDC guidelines, complete minimum 5-day isolation from the start of symptoms. May return day 6 if symptoms are improving and no fever for 24 hours without medication. The CDC recommends a well fitting mask to be worn through day #10.	No testing
All	Close Contacts	Monitor for symptoms. Stay home if symptomatic.	Onsite testing and free take home tests available for students and staff.

<p>Symptomatic / no known exposure</p> <p><i>Please Stay Home if experiencing the following Covid-19 symptoms</i></p>	<p><u>Column One (One or More)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persistent Cough ● Shortness of breath ● New loss of taste and/or smell 	<p><u>Column Two (Two or more)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Congestion or runny nose ● Fatigue ● Fever 100.4 F or above ● Chills ● Sore throat ● Nausea or vomiting ● Diarrhea ● Muscle or body aches ● Headache
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Return when:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You are cleared by a medical provider OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You have a negative lab-confirmed test OR ● 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared (CDC recommends that a well-fitting mask be worn for an additional 5 days) OR ● 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You are free of fever without the use of medicine for at least 24 hours. <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You have been confirmed recently infected (past 90-days), have improving symptoms, AND have been free of fever without the use of medicine for at least 24 hours.
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Table 2: Public Health Guidance and PSD Implementation Plan

Category	Current Public Health Guidance (CDC)	PSD Approach in each category
Learning Environment	<i>Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person learning is a priority.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All schools operate under a 5-days per week in-person learning approach.
Vaccination Promotion	<i>Schools, ECE programs, and health departments should promote equitable access to vaccination. Staying up to date on routine vaccinations is essential to prevent illness from many different infections.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The District may consider hosting a vaccination / vaccination booster clinics in the spring of 2023 based on demand and conditions.

Masking	<i>People who have a known or suspected exposure to COVID-19 should also wear a well-fitting mask or respirator around others for 10 days from their last exposure, regardless of vaccination status or history of prior infection.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students, staff, and visitors may voluntarily choose to wear masks per their personal preference.
Contact Tracing, Isolation & Quarantine	<i>Schools and ECEs should develop mechanisms to ensure that people with COVID-19 isolate away from others and do not attend school until they have completed isolation. Once isolation has ended, people should wear a well-fitting mask or respirator around others through day 10.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (The district no longer engages in contact tracing for school based exposures following changing guidance from public health in late January 2022.) District isolation and quarantine procedures are outlined in the Isolation & Quarantine table 1 above. Parents will receive direct notification if cases are $\geq 15\%$ positive cases in a house, grade level, or school. Enhanced communication related to exposure will be available for students with concerns related to

		immunocompromised individuals in the family.
Ventilation	<i>Schools and ECE programs can optimize ventilation and maintain improvements to indoor air quality to reduce the risk of germs and contaminants spreading through the air.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needlepoint Bipolar-Ionization HVAC systems have been installed in all school buildings. These systems improve air quality and have been shown to substantially eliminate Covid-19 particles in the air and on surfaces.

<p>Testing</p>	<p><i>Schools and ECE programs can offer diagnostic testing for students and staff with symptoms of COVID-19 or who were exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the K-12 or ECE setting, or refer them to a community testing site, healthcare provider, or to use an at-home test.... CDC no longer recommends routine screening testing in K-12 schools.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The District has renewed the partnership with DHS, DPI and Summit Laboratories to provide access to rapid antigen and PCR testing in all health rooms for students and staff the 2022-23 school year. ● Prior to testing, we ask parents to complete a parent consent form and consider pre-registering on Covid Connect. This will expedite the process in the event your student(s) opts to utilize onsite testing. No student will be tested at school without parental consent (note: 18-year old students may provide consent for themselves). ● Free take home rapid antigen tests are available in the health rooms for students and staff.
<p>Symptom Monitoring</p>	<p><i>People who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home. Testing is recommended for people with symptoms of COVID-19 as soon as possible after symptoms begin.</i></p> <p><i>Students or staff who come to school or an ECE program with symptoms or develop symptoms while at school or an ECE program should be asked to wear a well-fitting mask or respirator while in the building and be sent home and encouraged to get tested if testing is unavailable at school.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students (with support of parents) and staff are expected to self monitor for symptoms of infectious illness and not report to school whenever symptomatic. ● Staff who are in isolation due to confirmed Covid-19 infection, and are able to continue their duties (e.g. provide instruction virtually), will not be charged sick leave. ● Students found to be symptomatic at school will be asked to wear a mask, will be offered testing (parent permission required), and will remain in isolation until picked up by a parent or are allowed to leave school (older students). ● Protocols for symptomatic individuals are outlined in the <i>Isolation & Quarantine table.</i>

<p>Cleaning & Disinfection</p>	<p><i>In general, cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential virus that may be on surfaces.</i></p> <p><i>Disinfecting (using disinfectants on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19 list external icon) removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection.</i></p> <p><i>If a facility has had a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, clean AND disinfect the space.</i></p>	<p>Enhanced cleaning procedures and sanitation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased frequency of cleaning of high touch surfaces ● Utilization of hydrostatic and PureFX sprayers to enhance clearing and disinfect spaces as needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flexible response cleaning for targeted sanitation in locations with higher incidence of illness
<p>Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette</p>	<p><i>People should practice handwashing and respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes) to keep from getting and spreading infectious illnesses including COVID-19. Schools can monitor and reinforce these behaviors and provide adequate hand washing supplies.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</i> ● <i>Remind everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently and assist young children with</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be taught and promoted in the school system. Signage encouraging hand washing and respiratory etiquette will be visible throughout the school district. ● A high level of access to handwashing locations and hand sanitizer throughout the school district will be maintained.

	<p><i>handwashing.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If handwashing is not possible, use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol (for teachers, staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer).</i> 	
Data Metrics	<p><i>School and ECE program administrators should work with local health officials to</i></p>	<p>A public facing dashboard of daily case activity in the district will be published to keep parents informed of viral</p>

	<p><i>consider other local conditions and factors when deciding to implement prevention strategies. School and ECE-specific indicators—such as rates of absenteeism among students and staff or presence of students or staff who are at risk of getting very sick with COVID-19—can help with decision-making.</i></p>	<p>transmission in our schools.</p> <p>Additional Data will be monitored on external sites. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community transmission may be monitored on the Wisconsin DHS site. • State and Waukesha County Case Rates (overall and by age group) • Age group hospitalizations • State and Waukesha County Vaccination Rates (overall and by age group)
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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 that has been exposed to a positive case (within 6-feet for \geq 15 minutes).

Isolation: According to CDC guidance, 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 5 days, which must include 24-hours without fever (unmedicated) and improving symptoms. It is recommended by the CDC that Individuals returning after day 5 wear a well-fitting face mask through day 10 (from date of infection).