



Pewaukee School District

COVID-19 Update September 28, 2020

Weekly Update Data: Each week of school during the pandemic, the Pewaukee School District will publish a status update of active cases and those in quarantine due to exposure or presentation of COVID-19 like symptoms. This information is provided in an effort to be transparent with the level of 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 <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19>

Phase Status: *Current level = Phase 2; Grades 4K-5 (Full attendance MT,TH,F & All Virtual Wed) Phase 1; Grades 6-12 (hybrid / 50% attendance)*

Last week was our first time with 4K-5 students fully in person and although we have had some students placed in quarantine, the transition went well overall. We continue to monitor our metrics as we look for an opportunity to move 6-12 graders to phase 2. Unfortunately, the **virus activity has increased considerably over the past 10-days**, including the two highest number of infections recorded in Waukesha County since the start of the pandemic (171 on 9/17 & 184 on 9/25), and an increased percent positive rate of 9.76% over the past seven days. Our county is now averaging more than 80 new cases per day whereas 2 weeks ago it was around 40. Likewise, the number of active cases (infections) in our census tract region (Pewaukee and immediate area) increased from 40 on 9/15 to 81 on 9/28. We have also experienced more activity within our schools in terms of quarantine and number of infections. That said, we believe the processes and systems in place have allowed us to work effectively with the Waukesha County Health to implement contact tracing and quarantine procedures have limited the exposure of students and staff.

We **continue to see less evidence of infection with our younger students** so despite the rise in cases in our area, we will continue with 4K-5 students in Phase 2. **The worsening conditions do not lend itself to moving the older students to Phase 2 at this time** until the current spike in infections stabilizes and declines. We will strongly consider a move to Phase 2 for our older students when a stable decline is established with community spread and if our internal numbers of infections and quarantined students and staff remain manageable.



We will not consider making any changes to less restrictive phases prior to October 12, 2020. This should not be taken to indicate we are considering a change at this time on October 12th, simply that we will not consider a change prior to that date. All parents should have a plan in place in the event of a quarantine or school closure. This is something that can happen at any time and on short notice.

Data Table Terms (Note the new addition of *trend graphs* below following the Cases & Quarantine Table)

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.

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)	Students Quarantined (Symptomatic of or Exposed to COVID-19 / 10-14-day Quarantine)
PLE	*	8
Horizon	*	5
Asa Clark MS	*	18
PHS	*	33
Total	6	64
District (Staff data x district level only to protect privacy of individuals)	Staff Active Cases (Confirmed COVID-19 / Non-recovered)	Staff Quarantined (Symptomatic of or Exposed to COVID-19 / 14-day Quarantine)
PSD	0	8
* Indicates less than 5 cases to protect the privacy of individuals infected or in quarantine		



Students and Staff Trend (9/11-9/25/2020)

