



## Pewaukee School District

### COVID-19 Update

October 12, 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)*

**Please Note - Probable Move of Asa Clark / Grades 6-8 to Phase 2 starting 10/20/2020**

Over the past week we continued to see high levels of virus infection in the state, county, and the census tracts in and around Pewaukee. This includes daily infections that have maintained over 100 per day which is concerning. That said, within the district, ***we have experienced a very consistent pattern of low numbers of quarantine and infection for staff and students in our elementary schools and at Asa Clark Middle School.*** We have also found that we have been successful returning 4K-5 students without experiencing substantial increases in infection or quarantine. The age group trends nationally, statewide, and in our county, continue to show that younger students have substantially lower numbers of infection. As of this Monday (10/12) Asa Clark has 10 students and zero staff in quarantine and zero active infections. With all of these factors in mind, **it is our goal to move students in grades 6-8 at Asa Clark into Phase 2 starting next week, Tuesday, October 20th.** We will continue to monitor our data and virus activity within our system throughout the week and ***confirm this decision on Friday, 10/16/20.*** Please note that things can change rapidly, however if things stay relatively stable we will implement this change. **This change does NOT impact students in the fully virtual option.**

It is also important to understand that as we move to full sized groups for attendance that social



distancing becomes more challenging in school, on buses, etc. This makes other mitigation strategies like wearing face coverings and good hygiene even more important. In our update with Children's Hospital this week, the physicians shared their view that the virus mitigation efforts of the schools are working well and have helped keep infection rates of children down even as rates with adults are very high. Our staff, students, and parents have done a great job these first seven weeks which has allowed us to stay safe and stay open. Keep up the good work!

***We will not consider making any changes to less restrictive phases at PHS prior to October 26, 2020.*** The vast majority of COVID related absences in the district (quarantine and infection) are consistently at the high school which coincides with national, state, and county incidents of infections by age groups. The potential for us to consider a change to Phase 2 for grades 9-12 on or after October 26th will be contingent on whether our internal incidents of infections and quarantine remain at manageable numbers and we see stabilization and reduction of viral spread in the community. We are starting to see the trajectory of infections flatten, and perhaps begin to decline, although they remain high. So we hope to see a downward trend established in the next week or two making the consideration of a change at PHS more viable.

To date, the incidents of infection that have led to isolation and quarantine for our staff and students have come from exposure outside of school from family members or at social gatherings. Anything that parents and students can do to limit your potential exposure outside of school will be important in our ability to maintain or increase in-person learning at school. It is also important for all families to ***have a plan*** to deal with incidents of quarantine or school closure which may happen on short notice.

**Quarter 2 Learning Environment Selection:** Over the past two weeks we have communicated to parents that you will be asked to **make your selection for the learning environment placement of your student(s) by this Friday, October 16th**. These selections will be completed using ***Family Access in Skyward***. Directions for completing this process will be sent home on Tuesday, October 13th.

**Data Table Terms** (Note the new addition of ***trend graphs*** below following the Cases & Quarantine Table. These represent counts from each Friday.)

**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

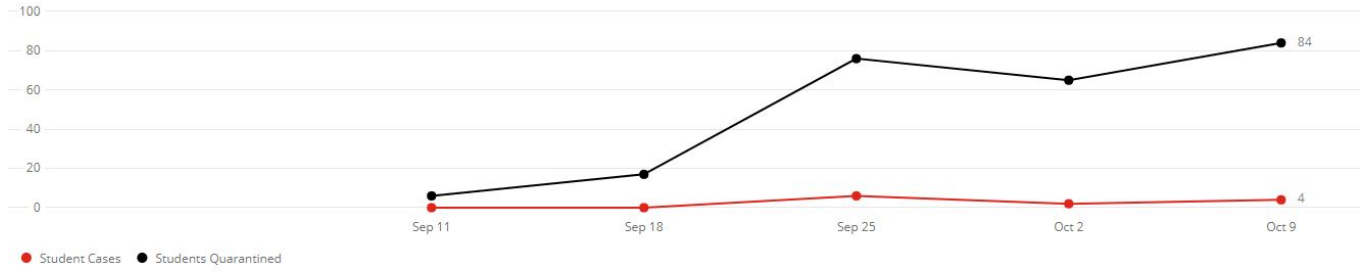


consistent with the virus.

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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	*	13
Horizon	*	15
Asa Clark MS	*	10
PHS	*	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>97</b>
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	4
* Indicates less than 5 cases to protect the privacy of individuals infected or in quarantine		



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



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

