



## Pewaukee School District

### COVID-19 Update

October 20, 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-8 (Full attendance MT,TH,F & All Virtual Wed) Phase 1; Grades 9-12 (hybrid / 50% attendance)*

This week we **transitioned Asa Clark Middle School to Phase 2** of our [PSD Stay Safe to Stay Open](#) plan because of consistently lower and manageable levels of virus transmission and due to the fact that the age group had consistently demonstrated lower than average rates of infection in Waukesha County.

We had good news with our numbers overall and specifically at PHS that has dropped to the lowest number of infections and quarantines in weeks. **Our goal at this time is to move PHS to Phase 2 with the start of quarter 2 on November 5th.** This will be **dependent on maintaining manageable rates of infection and quarantine for PHS staff and students** so we can be confident this reduction is stable and not a short term dip. Furthermore, the **rates of infection in the county and our census tract area will need to stabilize and decline** from the current high rates we are experiencing. Students of high school age consistently produce higher levels of infection. The high school age group presents a bigger challenge and risk than our younger students which is a primary reason we have moved younger students first into Phase 2. It is also worth noting that a few high schools in our region have temporarily moved from in-person to fully virtual environments due to COVID-19. Throughout this school year, we have worked to balance three priorities including: the health and safety of students and staff, the social and emotional wellness of students and staff, and student learning. It is our view that it is most beneficial for learning, as well as social emotional wellness, for students to be in



attendance in school as much as possible. We believe that sustained lower levels of infection and quarantine at PHS, and stabilization and reduction of community viral spread, would provide supporting rationale for a shift to Phase 2 from a health and safety perspective. We will continue to monitor this and provide updates.

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:** Thank you to our families for completing the Quarter 2 Learning Environment selection process using Family Access in Skyward. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your quarter 2 selection(s) please contact the appropriate school office.

### Data Table Terms

**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	*	14
Horizon	*	5
Asa Clark MS	*	12
PHS	*	14
<b>Total</b>	5	45



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	1	8
* Indicates less than 5 cases to protect the privacy of individuals infected or in quarantine		

## Weekly Summary

