

Friday, August 27, 2021

Dear Avonworth Parents & Caregivers,

We hope this message finds you doing well. We had a great start to the 2021-2022 school year! This communication is to provide an update regarding current COVID conditions.

**Update on Cases of COVID-19 in Avonworth School District as of August 27, 2021**

Avonworth Primary Center	Avonworth Elementary School	Avonworth Middle/High School
0 Active Case	0 Active Case	0 Active Cases

There are currently **7** individuals (staff and/or students) in quarantine.

**COVID Conditions in Allegheny County**

Allegheny County Data from the PA Department of Health COVID-19 Early Warning Dashboard ([source](#))

Criteria	8/6/2021	8/13/2021	8/20/2021	8/27/2021
Incidence Rate Per 100K	52.9	63.7	80.5	98.5
PCR Percent Positivity	4.9%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%

**Key:**

Blue = Low Transmission Level  
Yellow = Moderate Transmission Level  
Orange = Substantial Transmission Level  
Red = High Transmission Level

**NOTE:** Per the CDC - The transmission level is determined by the **Cases Per 100K** and the **Percent Positivity Rate** falling in a level. **If the two indicators suggest different levels, the transmission level corresponds to the higher threshold.**

Based on current data, Allegheny County is currently at the **Substantial Transmission Level**

### **Quarantine Guidance & Information:**

**CDC Close Contact Definition:** A close contact is considered someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed) for 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset.

#### **Exceptions:**

- In the K-12 indoor setting, the close contact definition **excludes** students who were not less than 3 feet of an infected student if universal masking is in place and all students were wearing masks.
- An individual that is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic **does not** need to quarantine.
- An individual who was previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last three months of being identified as a close contact **does not** need to quarantine.

The Allegheny County Health Department has provided the following Quarantine Flowchart to assist K-12 schools in making quarantine decisions.

[Allegheny County Health Department Quarantine Flowchart](#)

### **Reporting Health Information & Collective Community Effort:**

Please contact your child's school nurse if your child is identified to be positive for COVID-19. To limit the transmission of COVID-19 in our schools and school community, it is critical that this information is shared and proper contact tracing is completed.

We would like to remind our parents/guardians to continue to be diligent with regard to monitoring your child(ren)'s health. Daily health monitoring and keeping children home when needed are necessary to limit virus transmission.

### **If a student has any of the following symptoms, please keep them home:**

- Has shown any of the following symptoms:
  - Fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, repeated shaking with chills, achiness, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell
- Active vomiting or diarrhea
- Fever (100 degrees or higher), chills, or general body aches

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

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