

Friday, February 18, 2022

Dear Avonworth Parents, Caregivers, and Staff,

I hope this message finds you doing well. This communication is to provide an update regarding current COVID conditions.

Update on Cases of COVID-19 in Avonworth School District as of February 18, 2022.

Avonworth Primary Center	Avonworth Elementary School	Avonworth Middle/High School
1 Active Case	3 Active Cases	0 Active Cases

There are currently **4** 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	01/21/2022	01/28/2022	02/04/2022	02/11/2022	02/18/2022
Incidence Rate Per 100K	1083.2	606.4	530.1	174.6	147.0
PCR Percent Positivity	29.1%	22.3%	19.1%	13.1%	11.4%

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 **High 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 fewer 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 90 days 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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Resources/Information:

[Allegheny County COVID Testing Locator](#)

[8/31/2021 PA Department of Health Face Covering Order](#)

[8/31/2021 PA Department of Education FAQs](#)

[The COVKID Tracking & Education Project](#)

[Common Questions about Kids & Face Masks](#)