

**Friday, January 07, 2022**

Dear Avonworth Parents & Caregivers,

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

**Important Information**

The Avonworth School District's Board-approved Health & Safety Plan remains in place, which requires masks for all students, staff, and visitors in our school buildings. This requirement applies during the school day as well as when in our school buildings for activities after school hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Update on Cases of COVID-19 in Avonworth School District as of January 07, 2022.**

Avonworth Primary Center	Avonworth Elementary School	Avonworth Middle/High School
7 Active Case	14 Active Cases	21 Active Cases

There are currently **60** 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	11/19/2021	12/03/2021	12/10/2021	12/17/2021	01/07/2022
Incidence Rate Per 100K	250.0	275.7	290.3	274.4	1534.2
PCR Percent Positivity	11.2	13.4%	12.4%	12.3%	32.7%

**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 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,

Jeffrey M. Hadley, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

**Resources/Information:**

[Allegheny County COVID Testing Locator](#)

[The COVKID Tracking & Education Project](#)

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