

Friday, September 24, 2021

Dear Avonworth Parents & Caregivers,

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

Important Update

Per the [Order from the Secretary of Health](#), masks are required to be worn by visitors when inside our school buildings during after-school activities. This applies to all in attendance at an after-school activity, sporting event, or Board meeting that is taking place inside a building. Thank you for your cooperation.

Update on Cases of COVID-19 in Avonworth School District as of September 24, 2021

Avonworth Primary Center	Avonworth Elementary School	Avonworth Middle/High School
0 Active Cases	13 Active Cases	1 Active Case

There are currently **13** 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	8/27/2021	9/3/2021	9/10/2021	9/17/2021	9/24/2021
Incidence Rate Per 100K	98.5	115.2	123.6	151.6	168.0
PCR Percent Positivity	5.1%	5.5%	6.2%	6.3%	6.5%

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](#)

[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](#)